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SLIP IN MUD

Kalgoorlie, Australia.
Mrs. Violet Cook slipped and fell in a mud puddle in the middle of the street. When she got up with her hand filled with a ball of mud, she found an ounce gold nugget in the middle of it.

Suez Film Annoys Family

THE French Count de Vogue, nephew of the chairman of the Suez Canal Company, the Marquis de Vogue, passed through Singapore on his way to French-Indo-China recently.

"At the present time, with so much political trouble in the Mediterranean, I think my 70-year-old uncle gets very much worry out of his task of directing the company," said the Count de Vogue.

The Count is associated with several companies in Indo-China.

A personal friend of the de Lesseps family, the Count told of the family's annoyance at the American film "Suez" (which was recently shown in Singapore) on the life of Ferdinand de Lesseps, the great French engineer who built the Suez Canal.

The Count pointed out that as Ferdinand de Lesseps married twice, some of his sons by the second marriage were still living. One son is at present one of the directors of the Suez Canal Company.

"The de Lesseps family was, of course, most annoyed by the American film which departed so much from true historical facts. Rather than attract more attention, the family has not taken any action in the matter as yet," he said.

EMPIRE NEWS

DEMONSTRATION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

RANGOON.
Strikers gained entrance to Government House grounds recently. The Governor, Sir Archibald Cochrane, and Lady Cochrane, were present. After shouting slogans the men withdrew.

When military police arrived they found all quiet.

REFUGEE JEWS FOR THE LAND

MOMBASA.
The first batch of refugee Jews from Germany landed from the German steamer Watusi recently.

The party consists of 10 people of both sexes. They are the advance guard of a greater number to be brought out by a London land settlement company, acting in co-operation with the Government of Kenya.

The arrivals express confidence in their ability to make a success of farming. They all come of farming stock and are aged between 25 and 30.

The Aly Khan.—The Aly Khan, son of the Aga Khan, who has arrived for a three weeks' stay in Kenya, went to Kisumu recently to meet his wife. He is leaving shortly on a long safari.

SOUTH AFRICA

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS TIME-TABLE

CAPE TOWN.
In reply to a question in the House of Assembly, a Government spokesman said that although the Imperial Airways service was not being run to the time-table, it was not proposed to take any steps in this matter.

The annual cost of the Imperial Airways service to the Union Government was £98,000, of which £78,000 was for services rendered.

The spokesman said that no one would wish to endanger the lives of passengers by the sacrifice of all other considerations to speed.

Beer for Natives.—A brewery capable of producing 25,000 gallons of kaffir beer a day is to be built in Johannesburg to supply the native population.

BURMA

CONTINUANCE OF LAWLESSNESS

RANGOON.
In spite of the appointment of the Patriotic party leader, U. Saw, as Minister of Agriculture, lawlessness continues in Rangoon and in the country.

Both British newspapers comment pessimistically on the general feeling that the mob can do anything with impunity.

Communal Fight.—One Moslem was killed and 17 Hindus and nine Moslems were injured in a communal fight in Rangoon recently. The man who was killed was stabbed to death by a Gurkha who had attacked his sister. He tried to rescue her. A fight then began, sticks and bricks being freely used.

BRITISH-GUIANA

SUGAR STRIKE CONFERENCE

Georgetown.
The Governor, Sir Wilfred Jackson, recently presided at a possibly riotous area the sugar estates southward of Georgetown, including Diamond, where 1,000 strikers tried to rush the factory. The police restored order.

An all-day conference between employers and labourers, under the auspices of the Labour Department, has been attempting to prevent a further deterioration in the situation. Some progress was reported. Strikers are returning to work pending a final settlement.

"Paul Revere" Organized

Pittsfield, Mass.
The county commissioners have organized a "Paul Revere corps" to patrol county streams regularly and warn citizens of rising waters in flood time. The men will be paid 62½ cents hourly while on duty.

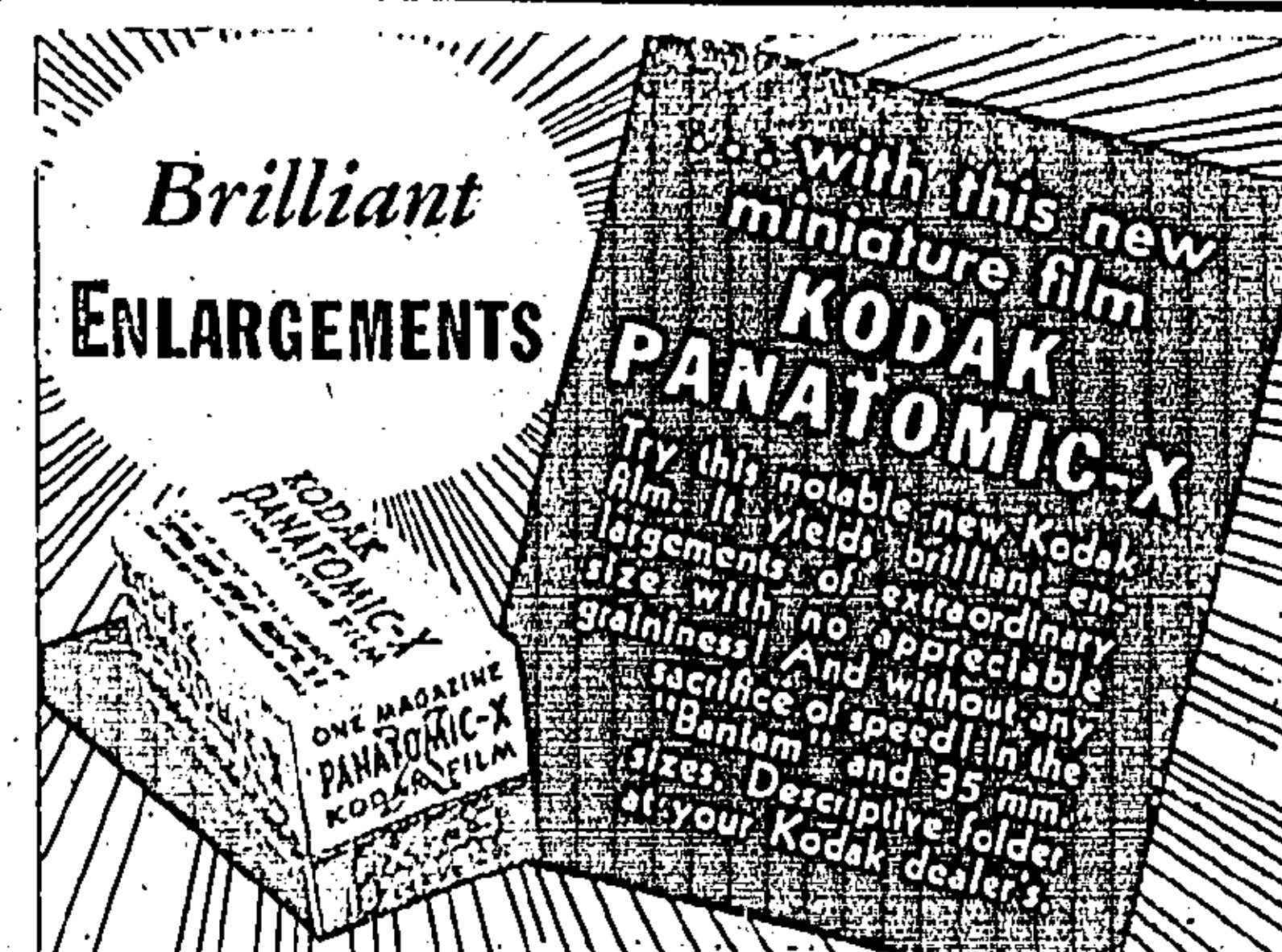
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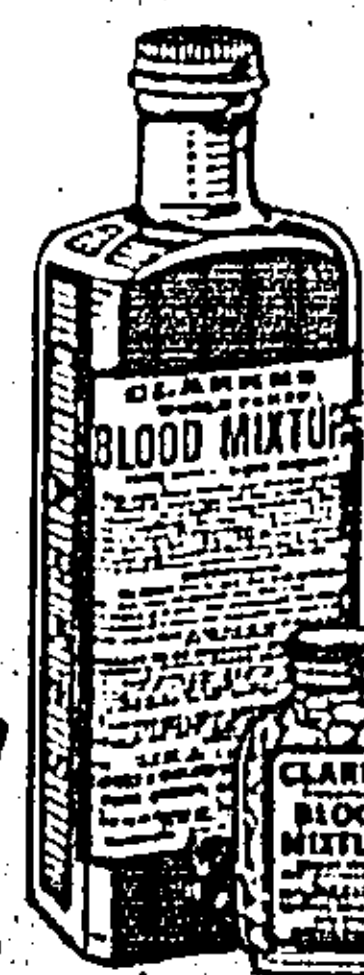
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Stop Radio Chimes— Plea From Germany

THE B.B.C., who in the past few weeks have been interviewing refugees applying for work at translating English news-bulletins into German, have been warned through unofficial channels by the British Secret Service in Germany that among the applicants are Nazi agents.

As a result of this warning several applications from alleged refugees have recently been turned down at Broadcasting House. No reasons were given.

The B.B.C. take a serious view of the situation. They realise that if a Nazi spy found a position on the staff he could do irreparable damage in a national emergency by distorting or falsifying news.

The Nazis tried the same tactics in arriving in England have written to the B.B.C. importing them on behalf of their fellows still in Germany to do away with the "interval-signal" of the bell-chimes that always precede the German news on the Regional programme.

The chimes, they say, can be heard easily in the street and are recognizable by members of the Gestapo, who promptly arrest the owner of the set.

INVESTIGATIONS

An official at Broadcasting House said: "It is a situation that might very easily arise. But the routine investigations that the B.B.C. make concerning every applicant would finally show up any impostors."

A great many refugees since



Frau Scholtz-Klink, left, head of the Nazi women's organisation, the Frauenschaft, greeted on a visit to London by Frau Dirschen, wife of the German envoy.

Why So Few Women Barristers?

FOUR leading French women barristers, ardent feminists, who arrived in London recently as guests of British women barristers, are puzzled.

"They cannot understand why, although there is woman's suffrage in Britain but not in France, there are about eight times as many women practising at the Bar in France as there are in this country."

"In France," said Maitre Odette Simon-Bideaux, "there are more than 400 women barristers, and nearly all of them are practising. In Britain, while some 250 women have been called to the Bar since 1922, only about 50 of them are in practice."

HIGHEST TITLE

"In Britain, it seems, the degree of barrister-at-law is regarded by many as an academic, or even a social distinction, sometimes merely as an additional qualification for appointments in the public services. In France the title of Maitre is perhaps the highest rank a woman can achieve."

To understand more fully the struggle for woman's suffrage in Great Britain, the French women barristers are meeting leading feminists in Britain and will visit Holloway Gaol, scene of hunger-strikes by suffragettes.

BEAUTY AND BRAVE

Madame Colette Anjubault de Balsac, secretary of the Association— who, for her obstructive attitude to the German occupation of Lille, is

Singapore Defences Completed This Year

THE great naval base of Singapore, key of British Empire defences, will be completed and ready to operate at full capacity this year. Then the dockyard, most modern in the world, will be in a condition to maintain a full battle fleet. Every protective gun will be in position and the big air base beside the naval "fortress" will be in full commission, with a chain of outlying bases to guard the base.

The strength of the base is terrific, being constructed on the presumption that it might have to stand a siege until naval reinforcements could be rushed to the scene.

Although no ceremony has yet been planned for the absolute completion of the whole base, people of Singapore are already expressing the hope that the Duke and Duchess of Kent might pay a visit to Singapore on their way to Australia.

COSTLY UNDERTAKING

The base has taken fifteen years to build and has cost about £20-

000,000, naval works alone having cost £11,500,000.

The heaviest guns in existence, in well-camouflaged emplacements, guard the base, and the anti-aircraft defences are described as unparalleled.

Up till now Britain could not have operated her heaviest units in Eastern waters because of the lack of a suitable base for maintenance. Now the British Navy can operate with as great safety and in as great strength in the East as in home waters.

After 5 Years She Knows No English

ODETTE Lasserre, a 43-year-old French woman, who cannot speak a word of English although she has been in England since October, 1933, was at Hove recently fined £1 for being in this country without leave.

Lasserre pleaded guilty through an interpreter, and said that an Englishman brought her to England to be married.

"I WAITED AND WAITED"
"He promised to get a divorce and marry me immediately," she said. "I waited and waited, and then he left me."

Mr. J. E. Stevens, prosecuting, said Lasserre landed with a permit valid for two months. She had not reported to the police until last month, when a woman friend brought her.

A French woman, with whom Lasserre and the man had stayed in Hove, said she understood then that they were married.

She said: "I gather that the man did not want Lasserre to learn English as she might have learned too much about his affairs."

The magistrates made no order as to deportation.

NAVY CHILDREN'S ALLOWANCES CUT

EVERY naval rating who has children to support is having his allowances cut. A rating with one child will lose 6d. a week, with two or three children 1s., and with four children and more 1s. 6d.

The reduction is officially described as being due to the fall in the cost of living index figure. There will be no cut in the allowance for a wife, no cut for single men, and no cut for married men without children.

The allowances for officers' children are unaltered.

The rate for the ratings with one child is reduced from 5s. 6d. to 5s.; for two children, from 6s. to 5s.; for three, from 7s. to 6s.; for four, from 8s. to 7s.; for five, from 9s. to 8s.; and for six, from 10s. to 9s.

A year ago the married allowances for naval ratings and other ranks of the Royal Marines were substantially increased. The wife allowance was increased by 7s., and a man with a wife and one child got an increase from 15s. to 22s. 6d. a week.

It was stated at the Admiralty that all chief petty officers, petty officers and ratings, except Maltese, were affected, and that the reduced rates would continue to apply until April 1940.

Briton On Nazi Radio—

"I May Seem A Traitor"

THE voice of an Englishman, criticising England and praising Hitler, was broadcast to Britain from Berlin shortwave station recently on a wavelength of thirty-one metres.

The introduction of the broadcast was not heard, but the mystery speaker began his talk—which was on the lines of a Hitler speech—with the words: "To some I may seem a traitor, but hear me out."

He constantly referred to "we Englishmen" and "our country."

After a reference to Mr. Eden as an "arch-Bolshevist" the speaker said: "At no time in history has Britain had such weak leaders, or more need of strong ones."

"BOMBING ARABS"
Germany, he continued, had always wanted peace with Britain, who had no right to talk of aggression, since the Empire had been built on aggression.

Britain was bombing Arabs in Palestine, but Hitler did not "try to tell us our business."

The Central European democracies were condemned as having nothing in common with Britain, and being "in the hands of Jewish Bolsheviks."

Poland was a country run by feudal landlords. Were Englishmen going to fight for them?

When the speech ended an announcer who usually broadcasts news in English said, "This is Berlin short-wave station." He then gave the details of a concert by the station orchestra.



Valued Dead Or Alive

MONTEREY, Cal.

Sharks have the double advantage of being just as valuable dead as they are alive, according to Al Meyer, expert on the Pacific coast fishing industry. His statistics show that 1,500,000 sharks are being used in the shark reduction industry in the United States. However, before they are caught, they are equally valuable in protecting sailboats from the larger fish that prey on sardines.

Raid Wardens Must Not Tell

BECAUSE a woman questioned a Hampstead air raid warden as to private information he had gained in the course of his visits, a special warning has been issued.

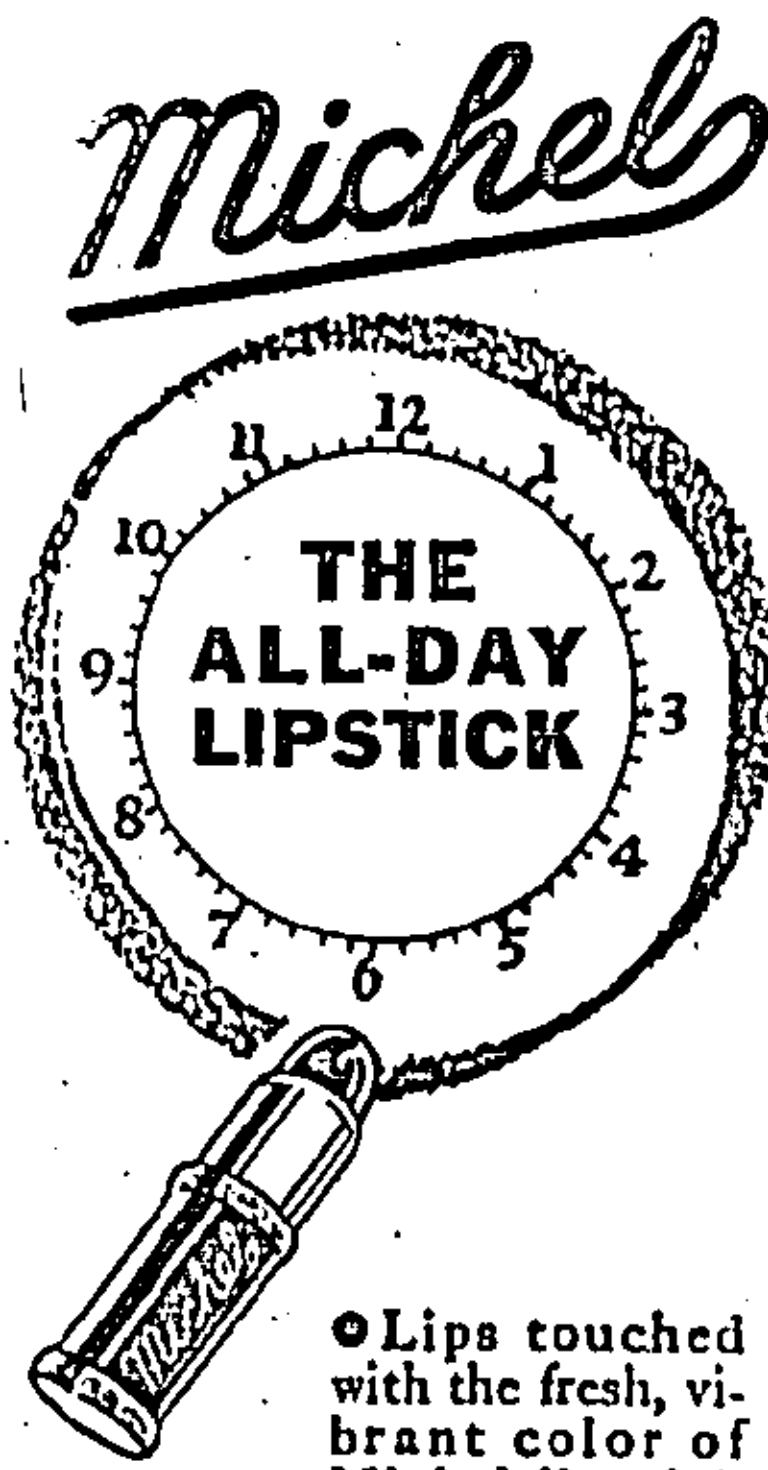
Wardens have been reminded by Hampstead Council authorities that particulars of individuals obtained while checking up on the issue of gas masks must be regarded as confidential.

"Private inquiry agents, especially if in search of divorce evidence, might not hesitate to try to 'pump' a warden," Mr. W. F. Essex, Assistant Air Raid Precautions Officer to the borough, said.

"A warden might innocently give away information which could cause a great deal of trouble."

The warning signed by the Town Clerk, Mr. T. H. Harrold, says:—

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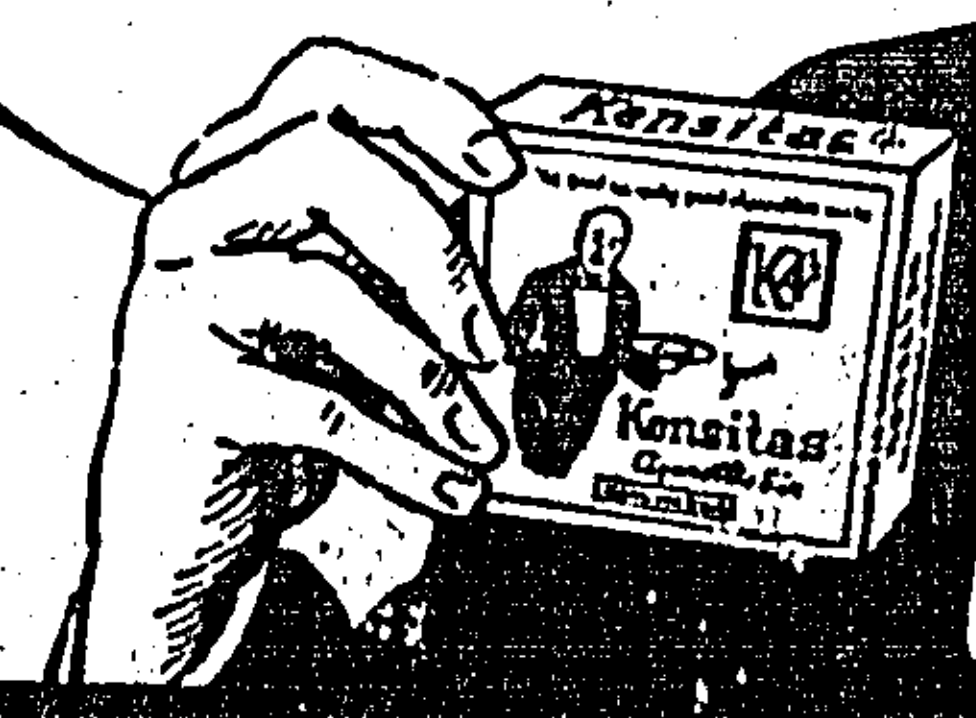
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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

The Duke of Gloucester will ride in at least three races at Happy Valley this afternoon, and there is a possibility that he will also ride in a fourth.

The departure of H.M.S. Suffolk has been delayed until 6 p.m. and the Duke expects to leave the racecourse for Government House at about 4.15 p.m.

April 28, 1934.

A foreign Office communiqué states: "Signor Suvich, accompanied by the Italian Ambassador, said Sir John Simon and Sir Robert Cecil at the House of Commons this afternoon, and the conversations between the representatives of the British and Italian Governments which were opened yesterday were carried on in a most friendly and harmonious spirit.

"Signor Suvich's visit, which is so warmly appreciated in Britain, has been made to promote the long established relations of friendship between this country and Italy and has contributed to Anglo-Italian co-operation in dealing with the many problems now facing the world."

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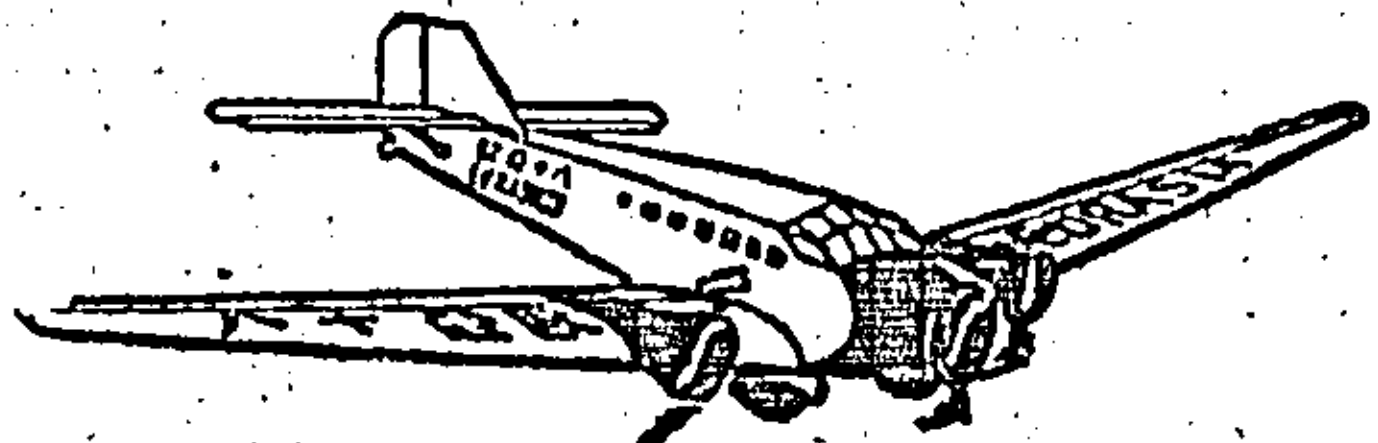
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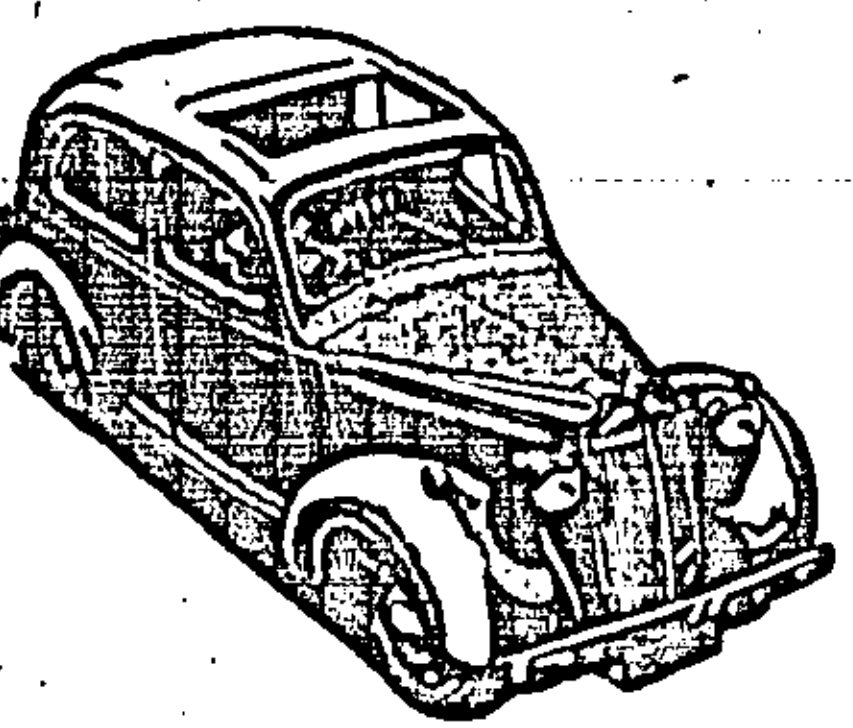
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One Man's Word

BY TO-MORROW morning the world will know whether world peace is again to be threatened by the refusal of the German Fuehrer to give the guarantees of non-aggression, against 31 nations requested by President Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt had presented the two Totalitarian dictators with a simple issue, requiring a simple answer. Herr Hitler is at liberty to call the American President a "dangerous enemy of civilisation", to denounce British Imperialism and to storm against the iniquities of democracy. The whole world will concede him the right to an opinion regarding Bolshevism—he may publicly announce that he sees in British Conscription another threat to German security.

The world does not want to hear these tirades, but it will accept them.

What the world wants to hear is a direct "yes" or "no" to President Roosevelt's question: "Are you willing to give assurances that your armed forces will not be used in future to attack Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Spain, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Poland, Rumania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Soviet Russia, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Iraq, the Arabias, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Iran, Eire, Holland, Belgium, Great Britain, France or Portugal?"

That is a simple straightforward question, requiring a straightforward answer.

The answer can come from one man, and one man only. He can, if he so desires, speak the word that will relieve the tension of the situation and ease an approach to that enduring peace in Europe for which he has so often expressed his personal longing. Just as certainly he can swing the balance towards a war of which no man can limit the scope. To rant and temporise, to give an indirect answer, would be to intensify the strain to which Europe is now subject and increase the danger that some unanticipated incident might

THIS year's naval estimates amount to £147,779,000. An increase of about £22,500,000 over 1938, and about three times the naval estimates of seven or eight years ago.

It is an expensive business to build up the fleet after it has been allowed to decline below the danger point. At the end of the war we possessed 49 capital ships, 110 cruisers, and more than 600 destroyers, sloops and patrol boats; these last three classes being most needed for protecting our shipping against the submarine.

Our naval security seemed so complete after the surrender of the German fleet in 1918 that in the following years we broke up 36 capital ships, about 80 cruisers, and more than 600 destroyers, sloops and patrol boats. It was one of the greatest pieces of mass destruction in our naval history.

THE general European rearmament has shown us that our action was over-hasty, and though in the last few years we have been making strenuous efforts to refill the gaping ranks of our men-of-war, we can so far produce no more than 15 capital ships, 59 cruisers, 200 destroyers, sloops and patrol boats, in addition to aircraft carriers, submarines, gunboats and auxiliaries.

There are, however, nine capital ships, 25 cruisers, 38 destroyers, 22 sloops, six carriers, 20 submarines building or projected; some of which will be delivered this year, some not until 1942 or 1943.

We need a powerful fleet for two very good reasons. One is to keep an invader away from these shores, and the other is to ensure the steady supply

every calculation of statesmanship. There could be no lessening of defensive preparations now being made in nearly all the countries of Europe. If peace is desired the signal for peace must be given from the only country that has disturbed it.

What is happening in Berlin today is being watched not alone by the peoples of Europe, but by the democracies of America and of the British Dominions and Colonies, who see in a negative answer to President Roosevelt's appeal a growing challenge to all systems of government that have not bowed the knee to the Nazi ideal. To that, if it were seriously intended, the world would offer an unexampled resistance. That truth should be clear in the mind of Herr Hitler when he speaks in the Reichstag to-night and has the opportunity of dispelling all apprehensions.

ply of imported food and raw materials upon which the country has become increasingly dependent during the last hundred years.

Invasion is a very distant peril, so long as we retain the command of the sea. Large numbers of soldiers were retained in this country in the last war to guard against a German raid, estimated at a possible strength of 70,000 men.

Such a raid was about as unlikely as anything could be. Consider what it would have meant. The transports required for the carriage of such a force would have numbered about 100 to 120.

TO effect a simultaneous landing and to simplify naval protection, the whole of this mass of shipping would have had to sail in one huge convoy, protected by the High Seas Fleet.

The concealment of such a vast expedition would have been exceedingly difficult, and if the Grand Fleet had come across it on its way, it would have suffered a disaster without parallel in the history of the world.

For either 70,000 German soldiers would have been drowned in the North Sea or they would have ignominiously followed the Grand Fleet into harbour as captives.

And if invasion was a remote danger in the last war, it is even more so now that aircraft have immensely increased the possibilities of scouting and observation.

Far more difficult is the Navy's task of protecting the merchant shipping on which the feeding of the population and the activity of our industries depend.

The chief trouble is that whereas invasion can only take place somewhere on the comparatively limited coastal areas, the attack on our worldwide shipping can be made at any point on any of the trade routes all over the world.

In the last war, for instance,

shipping was attacked in the Indian Ocean by the Emden, in the South Atlantic by the Karlsruhe, off the coast of Africa and in the Eastern Seas by the disguised raiders, and in the Mediterranean and the seas round the British Isles by the U-boats.

So dispersed an attack naturally calls for an equally dispersed defence, which is why the Admiralty is always so persistent in its call for cruisers. For, like hounds in search of a fox which has been eating the chickens, it always takes a number of ships to find one raider.

WE had about twenty cruisers chasing the Emden, and something like fifty were engaged in the search for Von Spee's Far Eastern Squadron of five.

What makes even greater demands on the defending Navy is submarine warfare against commerce.

For protection against this invisible danger in the last war our merchant shipping had to be put into convoy and

round each convoy had to be placed enough escorting warships to give a fair chance of hampering the submarine in making its attack, and of having a man-of-war in a reasonably good position to drop its depth charges, from whichever direction the submarine made its approach.

The great volume of British shipping requiring anti-submarine protection caused a large number of destroyers, sloops and other small craft to be employed on that duty.

During the height of the German submarine campaign, we had about 250 of these vessels on convoy escort work in the Channel, the North Sea, and the waters north and south of Ireland; while there were about another 100 in the Mediterranean.

UNFORTUNATELY, large numbers of these were broken up after the war, and we can now only produce about 130 as compared with the 350 employed in Home Waters and the Mediterranean last time. There are many who view this deficiency with grave concern, especially as the addition of air to submarine attack has intensified the protective problem.

In addition to direct protection against raiders, steps have to be taken to prevent an enemy's main fighting fleet from taking a hand in the game. That is to say, his battleships and whatever cruisers, destroyers, and aircraft carriers they may have with them. These have to be matched by a watching fleet of corresponding type but superior dimensions.

The strength needed for this purpose is therefore directly proportional to the battleship and auxiliary tonnage possessed by the other side. That is why we have had to keep pace with renewed battleship construction by Germany, Italy and Japan.

The provision of the necessary number of ships is, however, only half the battle. Rather less than half, in fact. For the men who man the ships are more important than the ships themselves. "Good men in poor ships," as a famous naval historian has said, "will nearly always beat poor men in good ships."

The recruitment of sufficient personnel of the requisite quality is therefore of at least as much importance as the actual construction programmes. Except in certain skilled branches, the Navy is getting all the men it wants. The number of officers and men has increased from 90,000 to 123,000 in five years, though it is still 12,000 below the figure for July, 1914.

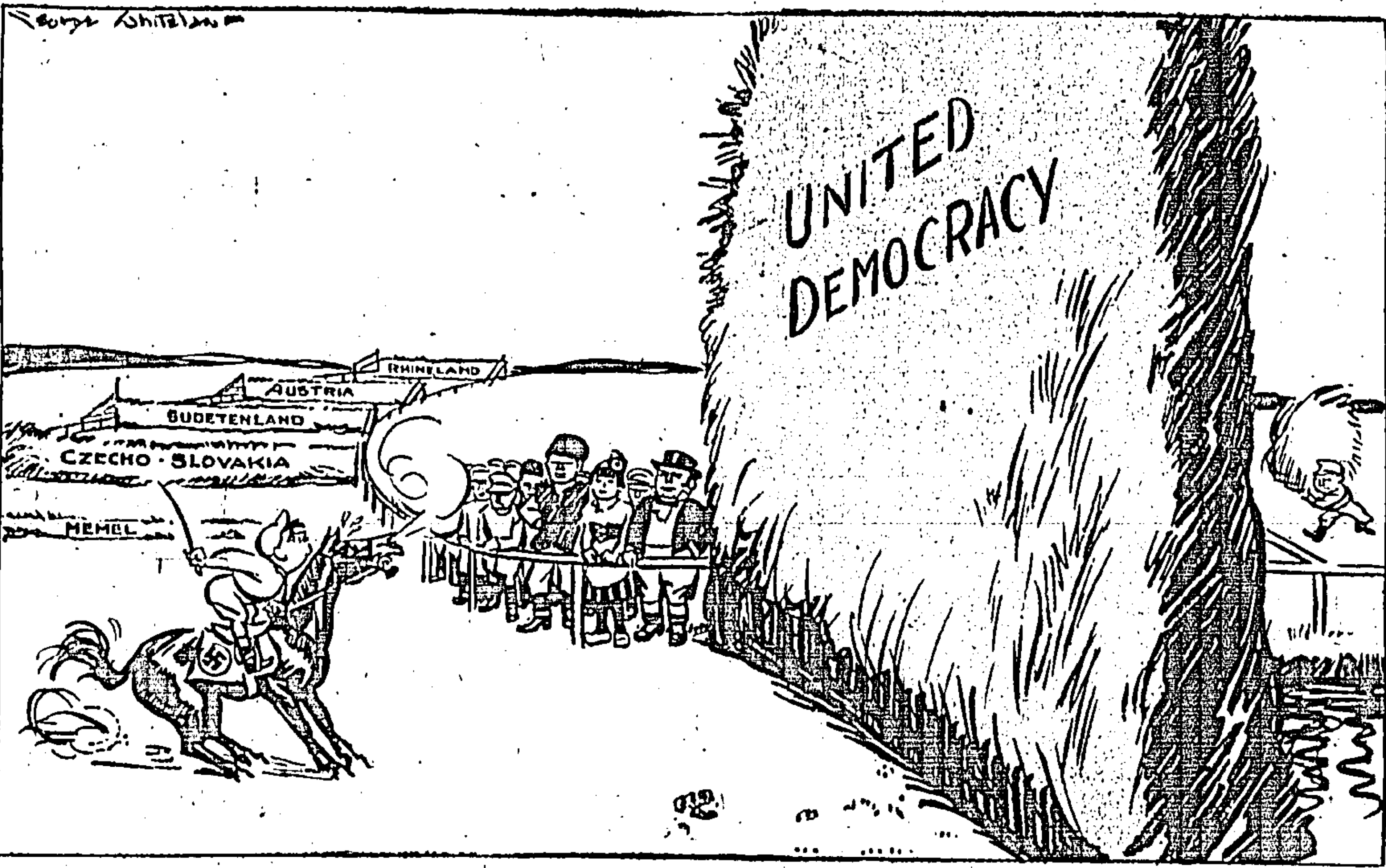
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Having filled these to capacity, the Admiralty then turned to the Merchant Service, and a number of merchant officers turned over to the Royal Navy.

This step brought the natural criticism that in thus ignoring its own non-commissioned ranks, the Admiralty was betraying its oft-repeated declarations in favour of promotion from the Lower Deck.

It is therefore satisfactory that a recent Admiralty order should have announced a considerable increase of numbers to be drawn from this latter source.



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THE map on the right is published in Schwarze Corps, newspaper of Hitler's Black Guards. The white area indicates the eastern section of the first "German Empire" between 1250 and 1400 A.D. It purports to justify Hitler's conquests in "re-creating the old historical boundaries."

The map is cut off so that it does not show how much of Mussolini's Italy is "historically" German.

On the left a sketch map completes the picture.

Britain

YESTERDAY'S REACTIONS TO CONSCRIPTION

The proposal of the Imperial Government to introduce conscription in Britain continued throughout yesterday to be the most important happening in world events, the reversal of the Prime Minister's recently announced promise not to proceed with such a step provoking approval and disapproval in the Empire and in foreign capitals.

LIBERALS' CRITICISM

London, Apr. 27. Following the example of the British Labour Party, the Liberal opposition last night decided to table a motion against the Government's military conscription bill, pointing out that the Liberal Party disagreed with leaving the system of voluntary service at a moment when recruiting was entirely satisfactory and supplies of arms, as well as munitions, were progressing favourably.

The motion of the Liberals adds that it seems unfair to make only men between 20 and 21 bear the whole burden of military conscription.

The motion of the Liberals is to be put forth in the House of Commons to-day by Sir Archibald Sinclair, while Mr. Attlee will speak for the British Labour Party.

COMMONS DISCUSSION

London, Apr. 27. To enable discussion in the Commons of Government's decision to introduce compulsory military training to proceed to-day the debate on the budget has been set aside. The Prime Minister will move a motion approving the proposal announced yesterday and declaring such a system is necessary for the safety of the country and the fulfilment of the undertakings recently given to certain countries in Europe, and welcoming the fact that Government is associating with this proposal fresh legislative powers to limit the profits of firms engaged mainly in armament production, and an assurance that, in the event of war, steps will be taken to penalize profiteering and to prevent additions to individual fortunes out of war-created conditions.

The attitude of the Labour Movement to the proposals is being discussed this morning at a joint meeting of trade unionists, the Labour Party Executive and the Executive of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

The opposition leader, Mr. Attlee, has tabled an amendment regarding the abandonment of the voluntary principle which has not failed to provide the manpower needed for defence, and expressing a view that Government does not merit confidence.

The amendment has also been tabled on behalf of the Opposition Liberals.—British Wireless.

LABOUR IN AGREEMENT

London, Apr. 27. A joint meeting of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, the National Executive of the Labour Party and the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party unanimously endorsed the Labour amendment in the Commons regarding the Government has abandoned the voluntary principle and declaring conscription to be ill conceived.—Reuter.

NIGGARDLY AFFAIR

London, Apr. 26. The Daily Express commenting upon conscription, said, "It is a niggardly affair. At this rate it will take five years to build an army of one million."

The News Chronicle said, "Conscription is repugnant, but this is no time to shrink."

The Herald said, "Anti-conscription pledges were given the electorate by Parliament, the Labour Party and the Trade Unions. It is dishonourable."—United Press.

PRESS CRITICISM

London, Apr. 27. The left wing papers this morning began a violent campaign against Mr. Neville Chamberlain whom they accuse of having broken his word by introducing military conscription in Britain.

The News Chronicle ridicules the extent to which the conscription scheme has been hauled down.

The Daily Herald under the headline "broken promises" recalls that Mr. Chamberlain on four occasions publicly denounced the system of military conscription in peace times. The paper adds that the voluntary service system, if reasonably handled, would have shown better results.

The Daily Express calls the Government's measures "half-hearted" and a "poor affair," adding that Britain thus needs five years in order to have a trained army of 1,000,000 men.

The Daily Telegraph and the Daily Mail devote much space to contradicting the standpoint of the Parliamentary opposition.—Trans-Ocean.

WORLD PRESS OPINION

London, Apr. 27. "Another step to security" is the heading of The Times leader on conscription.

The News Chronicle states that the scheme on so small a scale will do little to deter Mussolini, much less Hitler.

The Daily Express says that conscription has been introduced for too late. It should have been introduced immediately after Munich.

The Telegraph proposes that the scheme does not go far enough, but

France

Welcomes Britain's Move

Paris, Apr. 27. British conscription is accepted as M. Daladier's greatest diplomatic triumph, and has been acclaimed with the wildest joy throughout France as "the only real message to give Hitler."

For the past month M. Daladier has insisted that Britain introduce conscription and shoulder responsibility, with France and Britain having a joint potential army strength of 10,000,000 men.—United Press.

PRESS JUBILANT

Paris, Apr. 27. British conscription is again the main foreign topic in the newspapers. Le Jour repeats that M. Bonnet has sent the congratulations of the Government to Mr. Chamberlain through Sir Eric Phipps.

Le Matin writes that the entire cordiale also has a formula—two peoples, one frontier, one army.

Le Petit Parisien says that the ruin of Europe cannot now be consummated.

"When a nation earnest as Britain accepts the reversal of a centuries-old tradition, one can be certain that her will is steered and the decision taken will go to the end," says L'Epouvante. "These Germans who imagined that Britain will resign herself to a limitless series of faits accomplis will have to revise their judgment."

M. Leon Blum writing in Populaire says that Britain by making a tremendous move gives unwavering proof of her resolution and willingness.—Reuter.

REPROACH FOR LABOUR

Paris, Apr. 27. M. Leon Blum, Socialist and former Premier of France, writing in the newspaper Populaire, appeals for British Labour to change its attitude towards conscription.

He declares, "I do not hesitate to tell my Labour comrades that it is my profound conviction that conscription in Britain is one of those vital acts on which the peace of the world hangs."

Adding that he understood that the Labour Party remained the party of Opposition, M. Blum said that if their opposition had been one of selfish isolation or pacifist, it would have been logical for them to oppose conscription, but their idea of opposition is quite contrary. They reproach the Cabinet with doing too little.—Reuter Special.

BLOW KNOCKS OUT TEETH

Lodi, Cal. Jamel Abraham, 12, is fully convinced of the mystical influence of numbers. While playing on the Woods School baseball nine, he got hit with a bat and lost nine teeth.

It may be as well for the Government to take the fences one at a time.

The Herald states that the Government has shamelessly broken its pledges.

The Manchester Guardian asks what could produce greater confidence would be the sight of a new British Government under a new head.

The New York Times says that it must be evident even to Germany that the temper of the British people has changed since Munich.

The New York Herald-Tribune states that Hitler has now had two important warnings in rapid succession that he is getting onto dangerous ground.—Reuter Special.

ITALY IS IMPRESSED

Berlin, Apr. 27. Britain's decision on conscription has deeply impressed the Italians.

It is admitted here that it indicates that Britain is prepared to stand firm rather than make further concessions.

The newspapers attributed conscription to constant French pressure, in an attempt to give the impression that the British Government's action is highly unpopular with the British masses.—United Press.

SARCASTIC COMMENT

Rome, Apr. 27. Britain's conscription is the subject for sarcastic comment by the Popolo di Roma, which writes that the new measure adopted under pressure from France upsets the fundamental British habit of fighting its wars with other people's soldiers.

If conscription is meant to have its effect on Italy, Germany and on other nations of which London and Paris declare themselves the champions, the calculation is completely false.—Reuter.

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Australian Envoys

Melbourne, Apr. 27. Mr. H. D. Menzies, Australian Premier, stated that he intended to open Legations in Tokyo and Moscow in the near future.

The Premier added that he expected other countries to appoint Ministers to Australia.—Reuter Bulletin.

Canada

MUST BE READY FOR WAR

Ottawa, Apr. 27. Canada, immune from foreign attack for 100 years is now confronted with the possibility of having to resist aggression, declared the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Ian MacKenzie, in a speech asking the Canadian Parliament to increase the expenditure on defence to \$150,000,000 during the coming budgetary year.

Faced with the possibility of having to resist aggression, Canada, he said, was compelled to take adequate measures to defend itself against an assault from overseas.

Competent military quarters in Canada were being on the assumption that in the event of Britain being engaged in a war with a third Power, the latter would attempt to cut off the communications between Britain and Canada.

Although he did not go so far as to say that Canada was prepared to come to Britain's aid in such an eventuality, Mr. MacKenzie made mention of the existence of an Anglo-Canadian agreement for training of British military airmen at the Canadian air bases in Trenton and Camp Borden. The training of these British airmen would be undertaken under the direction of the Canadian authorities responsible for the training of the Canadian air force.

It had been decided, added the Minister, to appropriate a sum of \$6,000,000 for the acquisition of a large number of instruction planes for training corps.—Trans-Ocean.

CANADA'S AIR SCHEME

Ottawa, Apr. 27. The Canadian Defence Minister told the House of Commons yesterday that an agreement had been reached between the British and Canadian governments for a three-year scheme for training pilots for the Royal Air Force in Canada.

He added that approximately one-fifth of Britain's student pilots would be sent to Canada each year.—Reuter Special.

Japan

Heavy Increases In Exports

Tokyo, Apr. 27. The European crisis has stimulated heavy buying of provisions from Japan, according to official figures just released.

During the first quarter of the current year, Japan's exports of tin and goods to Europe and America were valued at yen 18,748,000, showing an increase of yen 8,128,000, or 43 per cent, on the corresponding figures for last year.

Purchases by Great Britain amounted to yen 5,253,000, showing a 200 per cent. increase. North American purchases were 4,468,000, or three times more than last year. China's purchases totalled yen 1,861,000, marking a 300 per cent. increase. Belgium bought to the value of yen 754,000, and the Netherlands yen 304,000, each showing increases of over 300 per cent. France bought yen 177,000, or 200 per cent. more than last year.

Timed crabs, salmon and trout met with heavy demand. The export of tinned crabs rose to yen 4,211,000, or 300 per cent. above the figure for last year. Tinned salmon showed a 300 per cent. increase. Tinned trout totalled yen 1,258,000 in value, an increase of over 200 per cent.—Domei.

NO OBJECTION

Conscripting Southern Irishmen in England

London, Apr. 27. Political circles here stated yesterday that the Government of Eire has no intention to make difficulties against calling to the colours under the new military conscription law of Irishmen living in England.

It is pointed out in Dublin that this friendly gesture would hardly have been possible a year ago.

It is estimated that between 1932 and 1938 more than 220,000 men from South Ireland emigrated to England, 80 per cent. of whom are between 19 and 45 years of age.—Trans-Ocean.

COST OF REFUGEES QUESTIONED

Big Vote Discussed By Finance Committee

The hope that the Government would seriously consider the necessity for appointing a resident doctor in Kam Tin camp, where there are four thousand refugees, in view of the fact that the camp was so far from hospital in case of an emergency, was expressed by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock at the Finance Committee Meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday, when votes totalling \$1,229,182 came up for consideration.

Present at the meeting were the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith), Chairman; Financial Secretary (Hon. Mr. S. Caine), Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. A. G. W. Tickle), Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. Chu Tsin-nin, Hon. Mr. Lo Man-kam, Hon. Mr. Leong d'Almada e Castro Jnr., Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Hon. Mr. W. N. T. Tam, and Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

When a vote of \$250,000 for the relief of refugees was mentioned, the Sir Henry Pollock said:

"As there are four thousand people in the camp at Kam Tin, and as that camp is so far from hospital when cases of emergency arise, I hope that the Government will seriously consider the necessity for appointing a Resident Doctor to that camp, instead of a visiting Doctor as at present."

The Chairman: I am sure the suggestion will be carefully considered.

Mr. Pearce: Can you give me details as to how this money will be expended, if it can be made available?

Details Available

Mr. Caine (Financial Secretary): Details can be furnished. Full details as to how the money is to be expended for the maintenance of refugees at each of the various camps can be given.

Mr. Pearce: Are these available quite easily?

Mr. Caine: They are available quite easily.

Mr. Pearce: I should like to see them.

The Chairman: I will see to it that full details are circulated to members of this Council. Item 44, Sir Henry Pollock: I think the vote has not yet been passed. I think Mr. Pearce's idea is not to pass this vote until the details are circulated.

Mr. Caine: I think we have spent most of \$500,000.

Mr. Pearce: I am not opposing. I should just like to know the details.

The Chairman: The alternative will be to have the vote approved by circulation on the understanding that figures will be supplied. Is that suitable to you, Mr. Pearce?

Mr. Pearce: Yes.

In reference to a vote of \$250,000 for a grant-in-aid to the Women's and Children's Union, Mr. d'Almada asked how much of this money was going towards salary expenses.

Mr. Caine: It is proposed to employ a general secretary at a salary not exceeding \$250 per month.

Mr. d'Almada asked what the secretary would have to do. The Financial Secretary replied that, besides general stenographic work, the secretary, who would probably be a woman, would have to do organising and other work.

The Chairman read from a letter from the Air Raid Precautions Officer that there was a need for a general secretary for keeping a record card of all volunteers and attending to correspondence.

Mr. d'Almada said he was not opposing the vote but was merely seeking some information.

Air Raid Handbooks

In connection with a vote of \$1,500 for publication of Air Raid Precautions handbooks, Sir Henry Pollock asked whether such handbooks were on sale generally.

The Chairman replied that he was not certain, and he would make a note of the question, but as far as he recollected such books were available.

A vote of \$10,000 for X-ray apparatus, running expenses and maintenance was questioned by Sir Henry Pollock, who remarked that it seemed to be a rather large estimate, and enquired whether the cost of things had gone up.

The Financial Secretary said he did not think that was suggested. It was hard to estimate which of this X-ray apparatus required replacement during the year. There was a large increase in X-ray apparatus owing to the general increase in hospital work.

Sir Henry Pollock asked if the Director of Public Works could give any details regarding a vote of \$140,000 for roads.

Mr. Tickle (Acting Director of Public Works): I have a complete list of the works to be done. They total roughly about \$30,000 odd in Hongkong, \$60,000 in Kowloon, and the remainder in New Kowloon.

A vote of \$100,000 for site formation for the Kowloon Hospital was questioned by Sir Henry Pollock, in connection with the construction of a new Kowloon Hospital and Infectious Diseases Hospital, on adjoining sites.

Mr. Tickle explained that the intention was that the Infectious Diseases Hospital should be an additional one.

Sir Henry Pollock asked what would be the total cost of the Infectious Diseases Hospital and the site formation.

Mr. Tickle replied that he could not tell off-hand. The Financial Secretary added that detailed estimates of the cost could not be given because the plans were not yet in existence and even the design had not yet been settled.

In connection with a vote of \$109,000 for prison works, Sir Henry Pollock asked what was meant by the new detention camp.

The Chairman replied that it had not yet been decided where it would be situated. It was intended to put short term prisoners in the detention camp, where they could be used on public works such as reclamation work. The camp might be situated in the New Territories. There would not be the need to have such an elaborate staff of warders, like the Stanley Prison.

With the exception of the vote for the relief of refugees, the votes were approved.

Registration

The Commissioner of Police hopes that the Registration of British subjects will be completed within the next fortnight.

Forms are obtained at all Police Stations, Post Offices and at the Hongkong and Kowloon offices of the Travel Bureau.

Shanghai

JAPANESE AND THE COUNCIL

Shanghai, Apr. 27. It is understood that Mr. C. S. Franklin, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, promised to give due consideration to the new Japanese representation regarding the control of anti-Japanese publications in the International Settlement.

Informed quarters point out that it was the first time that the Japanese presented "concrete measures" for the control of anti-Japanese propaganda to the Municipal Council.

Mr. Yoshiaki Miura, the Japanese Consul-General, during his interview with Mr. Franklin yesterday afternoon, called attention to the fact that despite the latter's agreement in the Japanese proposal of April 12, no tangible results have so far been witnessed in the control of allegedly subversive journals in the Settlement.

The Japanese official, in his representation, it is revealed, proposed that the Municipal Council Police and Japanese consular police should co-operate in examining the book-stores and stalls in the Settlement and confiscate or prohibit immediately the sale of any newspapers or magazines carrying anti-Japanese articles.—Domei.

MANIFESTO OF SUICIDE

Shanghai, Apr. 27. The Shanghai Mainichi said that Ryosuke Inouye, who attempted suicide yesterday, demanded in a manifesto immediate and absolute suspension of all anti-Japanese press organs in the Settlement, together with the removal of all anti-Japanese elements.

The paper said the manifesto was addressed to the Municipal Council. Inouye was a member of the "Serve the Emperor Corps."—United Press.

Germany

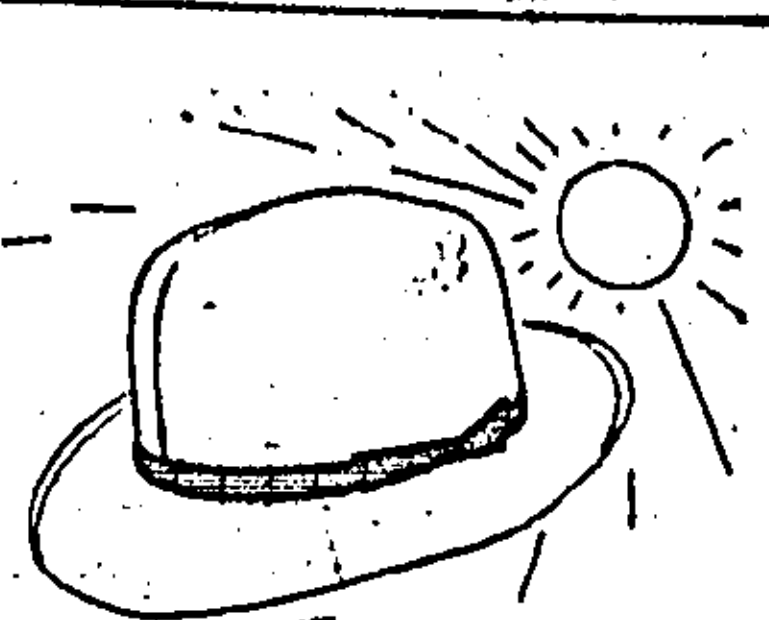
Preparing Opera House For "Der Tag"

Berlin, Apr. 27. An army of workmen and charwomen are preparing the Kroll Opera House for the Reichstag meeting of to-morrow. Big scale decorations in honour of Hitler's birthday will greet the Fuehrer when he drives from the Chancellery to the Opera House, but there will be few people in the streets, as workers in factories, offices and school-children are obeying the order of Herr Goebbels and will be gathered at the communal wireless sets.

Marshal Goering, as President of the Reichstag, will preside and declare the session open. Then Hitler will speak.

The Fuehrer, it is understood, has arranged to speak during the day time in order to give time for the speech to be printed in the world's press on the following morning, with the considered official reaction from the capitals.

Hitler has already completed the speech, Reuter is given to understand from official circles. It is indicated that Hitler will give Germany's answer to British conscription in his speech.—Reuter.



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LATEST FOX MOVIE NEWS

TO-MORROW AT THE KING'S

Rain And Wet Course Responsible For Many Upsets Last Saturday

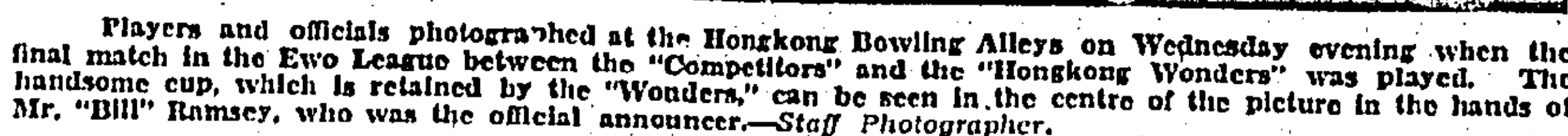
BUT SPLENDID RACING PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS

Racing has always many thrills to offer its devotees and there were of course many surprises at the Third Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club held last Saturday. In spite of the inclement weather the rain did not in any way dampen the enthusiasm of punters, for they were kept busy picking out the mudlarks, and the popping up of a few rank outsiders certainly enlivened the meet.

The success of Triumphant Day in the Broken Hill Handicap for Australian ponies of this season was a fine achievement, and the pony, belonging to Messrs Chiu Bros. and with the assistance of Mr. B. L. Tao annexed the classic in splendid manner. Considering the state of the going, coupled with the top weight burden of 155 lbs., Triumphant Day scored a great victory.

Rob Ray was the only absentee in the Canton Handicap (first section) for China ponies "B" seemed that the connections refused to send the steed out on account of the top weight; furthermore the run over a distance. It was a good one. The pony jumped the fence in front when Mr. Potts opened the gate and he was chased by Expansion Time, Humdrum Eve, and the rest in the rear. Passing the Judge's box for the first round, the same thing was repeated. Expansion Time and Red Feather, with Mr. Cole up, could not get going and no doubt Mrs. Dunbar's candidate was afraid to stretch out his legs on account of the slippery going, the pony finishing about a hundred yards behind the others. Coming up to Oak Bay, Expansion Time, New Star, Humdrum Eve and Moonlight View were well together, but nearing the Turnways shed New Star supplanted Expansion Time for second place. Expansion Time entered the straight like a cavalryman on the move. Excitement ran high when New Star, Humdrum Eve and Expansion

As a result of his easy win in the Fathman Handicap, (first race on) for "C" class China raters over six furlongs, Hectic View has been promoted to "B" company and he will



be worth following in that division over short distances. The surprise packet was King Kong dead-heating Rose Emily for the second place, the latter letting the public down very badly.

I raise my hat to Pinfarthings who, with the assistance of Lt. Cdr. Churchill, ran an honest race in the Fatsan Handicap at the Farnham over six furlongs, securing a win by six lengths and no doubt his sojourn in Farnham during the Winter has done the pony a world of good. It will be recalled that Pinfarthings was a first class climber last season, all outings being unplaced, and the change of atmosphere has given Major J. M. Smith a reward of \$600, a first prize for patience and perseverance. Lt. Cdr. Churchill opened his account in this event and he followed up with another success on Bruno owned by Mr. G. S. Australian in the Robert Stakes for Australian ponies in a scramble from the 1½ mile post.

Though the standard of play never fell below a fairly high level, there was a "deadness" difficult to account for in the semi-final match yesterday in the Colony Tennis singles championship between Tsui Yun-pui and Lee Wai-tong. None of the tenseness which could almost be felt in some of the recent singles matches was evident in this encounter; yet from the purist's point of view, the tennis here compared very well with that seen at any stage of the current tournament.

Earlier on, Tsui's forceful ground strokes gave him many opportunities to advance to the net, and once he was entrenched there he almost invariably won the point, his volleys more often than not catching Lee on the wrong foot. Particularly impressive was Tsui's backhand—with which he hit the ball very early in the bounce, while his all-round steadiness, punctuated by occasional brilliance, was sufficient to guarantee his annexation of the two opening sets.

Lee did not have much luck with some delicate shots which only failed by a fraction of an inch to go over the net. His backhand was his greatest asset, but his forehand was far too unreliable and precluded a wing on which Tsui often concentrated his attack with good results.

It was in the third set that the struggle became close. While Tsui always appeared to be the superior player in the early stages of the match, his ascendancy was not so marked here. He allowed Lee to take leads of 4-1 and then 5-3, but he succeeded in squaring the scores at 5-5, after which he and then the other took the lead until Tsui went out in the 22nd game.

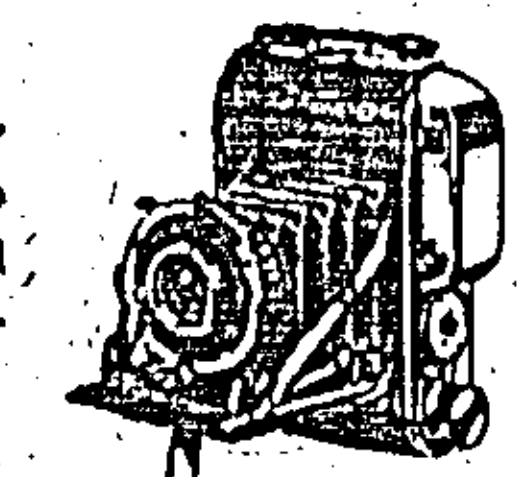
Eastern will meet the Navy tomorrow to decide the runners-up position in the First Division of the Hongkong Football League.

The civilians beat the European Y.M.C.A. in a practice hockey match at King's Park yesterday by five goals to one. The winners were superior to their opponents and pilled on four goals without reply before the interval.

The game commenced with the Civilians attacking strongly, and the Y.M.C.A. defence could do little against the thrust of the former's forward line. G. Singh and J. Wall, who each scored two goals, were brilliant. The other point was scored by G. Fowler.

The Y.M.C.A. lacked shooting power in front of goal, and their solitary point was scored by Dawson.

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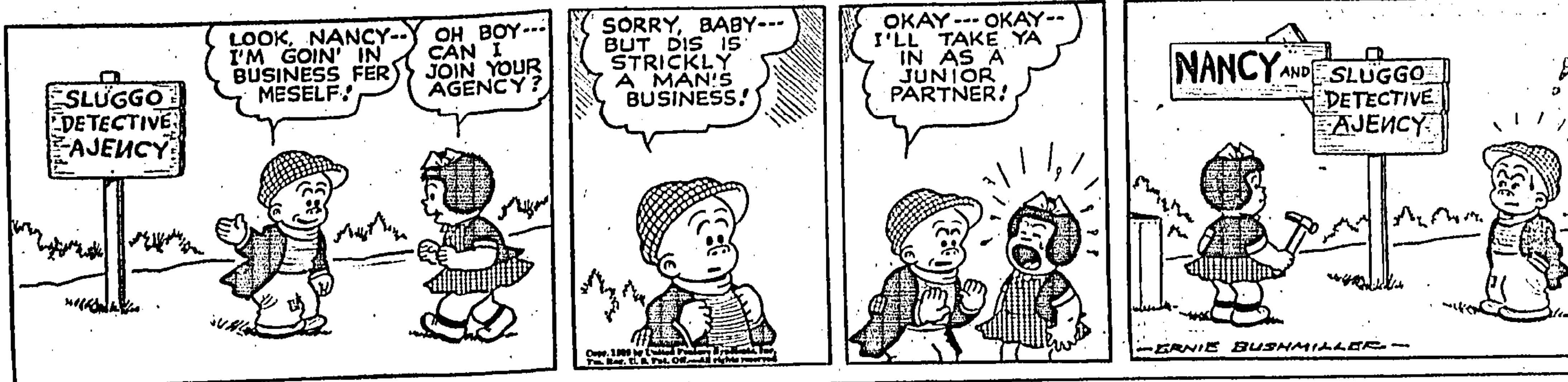
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NECK-AND-NECK WITH COTTON FOR BIG GOLF PRIZE

By CHARLES BUCHAN

BOURNEMOUTH, Apr. 1.
No finer send-off for the big golfing season could have been wished for than the tie for first place between Henry Cotton and Archie Compston in the "Daily Mail" Tournament at Queen's Park.

Cotton, twice Open Champion, although still only 32 years of age, and Compston, returning to tournament play at the age of 46 after two years' absence owing to illness, provided a huge crowd with a succession of thrills. These are likely to be repeated in the 36-holes replay tomorrow.

So closely were the pair interlocked that the result depended upon Compston's 12-yard putt on the last green. I stood next to Cotton, who had finished half an hour earlier and he said: "If he takes three putts it's all right; if he holes it, it's just too bad."

Compston's putt ended a yard from the hole on a left-handed slope, but he managed to put the ball down safely for the 4 which enabled him to tie with Cotton.

FIVE HOLES IN 16

That was the end of a thrilling struggle which had lasted the whole way round. At the end of the third round the pair were level with 221. Cotton, as he admitted to me, had thrown away a good chance by taking six at the 18th, where he drove into a whin bush.

But when Cotton started the last round with 4, 3, 4, 3, 2 (16 shots for the first five holes) everyone thought the first prize of £500 safely in his pocket. Compston had other ideas. He began with 17 shots for the same holes and then got on terms with a great 4 at the long plateau-greened 7th.

VITAL LAST HOLE

Taking three putts on the 9th green, Compston was a shot behind again, but he drew level at the next hole with a 4 against Cotton's 5. It might have gone ahead at the 11th, where Cotton had had another 5, but again took three putts from the edge of the green. Both failed to reach the uphill 14th in two shots, and eventually, after par figures for the intervening holes, they came to the 18th with Cotton leading by a stroke. After a fine drive he played a No. 1 iron from a hanging lie and the ball fell short of the green. His run-off ended three yards past the flag and the first putt missed by inches, to make the hole cost 5.

CURTIS FINISHES THIRD

Compston's first two shots at this hole took his ball 12 yards past the flag, and I have already told you how he got his 4.

His 1, I thought, the better performance, for he was the later player, knowing all the time what Cotton had done, yet never faltering. He had a snift of smiling salts at the fourteenth, but showed no signs of perturbation, and throughout his great round played only one really bad shot—a fluffed approach at the long twelfth.

Don Curtis, the local professional, and Sam King, played the best golf of any partnership in the final round, each being round in 70. As a result, Curtis ran into third place (£100) with a total of 290, while King tied for the fourth prize (£75) with Charles Whitcombe.

LEADING SCORES

H. Cotton (Ashford)	69	75	77	71	292
A. Compston (Combe)	73	75	73	71	292
D. Curtis (Queen's Park)	73	75	73	71	292
C. A. Whitcombe (Crews)	73	75	73	71	292
S. King (Hickling Park)	73	75	73	71	292
D. J. Rees (Hindhead)	73	75	73	71	292
R. A. Whitcombe	81	70	73	76	300
J. Adams (Liverpool)	74	70	73	76	301
R. Burton (Sale)	75	70	73	76	301
W. C. Branch (Leicester)	75	70	73	76	301
A. H. Padgham (Sunderidge Park)	75	75	77	75	303
A. Lees (Dore and Totley)	75	77	77	75	303
E. E. Whitcombe	78	77	77	75	303

Thousand Guineas Probables

London, Apr. 27.
Romulea and Bulle de Savon omitted from the list of probable starters and jockeys for the One Thousand Guineas to be run at Newmarket tomorrow.

The following minor amendments have been made in the riders: Her Slipper (Crouch), Amy Roberts (Cliff Richards), Galatea (Jones), Tibbit (Richards), Sam Wragg (Simpson), Infrar Red (Stephenson), Curlew Call (Pat. Densley), Quile Contrary (Sibbritt).—Reuter.



Irene Dunne takes a look at the set-up for her next scene in RKO Radio's "Love Affair," a modern romantic drama in which she and Charles Boyer, two of Hollywood's favorites, are teamed by Producer Leo McCarey. The picture will be shown at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres to-morrow.

SPLENDID BOUTS SEEN IN ARMY INDIVIDUAL BOXING TOURNAMENT

Several good bouts were witnessed last night at the Nanking Barracks when the finals of the Hongkong Area Open Individual and Boys' Championships were staged before a large gathering, including Brigadier A. B. Thomson and Brigadier J. R. Reeves and officers of the garrison.

Three knockouts and one technical knockout decision featured the programme, and although in several of the fights the contestants went at it hammer-and-tongs from the word go till the finish, scientific methods were conspicuous by their absence.

Probably the finest performer of the evening was L/Cpl. Noble, of Middlesex, who knocked out Pte. Lushan, of the same Regiment, in the first round. Noble was very confident and waited his opportunity which came shortly after the first minute, when an uppercut floored Lushan, who rose but went down again under a barrage of blows.

One of the gamest performers of the evening was Boy. Hillkins, of the Middlesex, who was outpointed by Boy. Stevens, of Royal Scots, the referee, Capt. E. H. B. Neill, congratulating the former on a very plucky performance.

At the conclusion of the programme, Brig. A. B. Thomson said that these championships marked the end of another boxing season. Army boxing in Hongkong had suffered through the absence of the Scottish Highlanders in Shanghai, and as a result Middlesex and Royal Scots were featured in all team championship events. He offered his sympathy to Royal Scots, who found conditions against them for training purposes. He had two points to offer next year's Committee for consideration. They had seen many fine performers among the boys and he hoped that next year it would be possible to stage a Boy's Inter-team championship. Secondly, he thought the Royal Regiment (Royal Artillery) should be able to enter a team as they probably had many boxers and would probably only need organising. He thanked Lt. Col. Newham, officers and men for their valuable contribution to boxing during the past two years and wished them every success at their new station, Malta. They would be leaving during the next troopship season.

He also paid a special tribute to Capt. F. H. B. Neill, who had handled the Hongkong Area Sports during the past eighteen months and who would be leaving the Colony next month.

Brig. Thomson then distributed the prizes won during the evening. Open Bantamweight: Pte. Hope (Middlesex) knocked out Pte. Williams (Middlesex) in the second round.

Boys' Bantamweight: Tpr. Griffiths (8th Hvy. Bde. R.A.) beat Boy. McDonald (Royal Scots) on points.

Open Featherweight: L/Cpl. Noble (Middlesex) knocked out Pte. Lushan (Middlesex) in the first round.

Boys' Featherweight: Boy Stevens (Royal Scots) beat Boy. Hillkins (Middlesex) on points.

Open Lightweight: Cpl. Ellis (Middlesex) beat Pte. Scott (Royal Scots) on a technical knockout in the second round.

Boys' Lightweight: Tpr. Williamson (R.A.) beat Boy. Rowe (Middlesex) on points.

Open Middleweight: Gnr. Franklyn (R.A.) beat Bdm. Emmerson (Royal Scots) on points.

Boys' Welterweight: Tpr. Brennan (8th Hvy. Bde. R.A.) beat Tpr. Richardson (8th Hvy. Bde. R.A.) on points.

Open Light-Heavyweight: Pte. Foakes (Middlesex) beat L/Cpl. Betts

Rifle Shooting

RANGE STAFF AND POLICE TO MEET IN FINAL

Threatening weather and the reaction from the Biscy Meeting affected the attendance at the Spoon and Practice Shoot on Wednesday, only about 70 members turning out. The weather cleared later, although the light was dull and the wind tricky at 800 yards.

The R.N. Staff and the Middlesex Regiment contested their round in the Bellis Shield, the former winning by 536 points to 488 points thus putting them into the Final. C/Sgt. Hane recorded a good 98 to take the net spoon in the S.R. (b) Class, while the only handicap spoon went to Sgt. Rushman of the R.N. Staff.

In the S.R. (a), Class L/Cpl. Langford won the net spoon with a very fine 91, the handicap spoons going to A. C. Cash, and Sgt. Ogden, both of the R.A.F.

There will be no shooting on Sunday as the Association have given up this day to the Hongkong Volunteers for their Annual Meeting.

Members are reminded that the last Wednesday Shoot of the season will be May 3, distances 300, 500 and 600 yards.

The final shoot will be held on May 14, when the final stage of The Governor's Prize will be shot, followed by the presentation of the prizes for the Biscy Meeting.

The official prize list, to-date, is now being printed and will be sent to all concerned as soon as possible together with a copy of the Programme for May 14.

The following are the leading scores of the Wednesday shoot at Kowloon City Range:

S.R. (b) Class	200	500	600	Ttl.
C/Sgt. P. Hale (S.R.)	32	34	32	98
Sgt. L. J. B. Mackie (S.R.)	32	32	32	96
C.P.O. F. J. Davey (S.R.)	32	32	32	96
Cpl. R. T. Gussitt (S.R.)	32	32	32	96
Sgt. M. Rushman (S.R.)	32	32	32	96
Sgt. R. J. Hane (S.R.)	32	32	32	96
E.R.A. L. G. Keller (S.R.)	31	30	32	93
Capt. W. Newton (S.R.)	30	32	32	94

S.R. (a) Class	200	500	600	Ttl.
L/Cpl. Langford (S.R.)	31	30	30	91
Mine. E. Croft (S.R.)	30	30	30	90
P.O. J. C. Swan (S.R.)	29	29	29	87
L.A.C. J. Berry (S.R.)	28	28	28	84
A.C. W. Gash (S.R.)	27	27	27	81
Sgt. H. V. Ogden (S.R.)	26	26	26	78
L/Cpl. V. M. Hammond (S.R.)	25	25	25	75
Spr. P. Canning (S.R.)	24	24	24	72
F/Sgt. F. Toller (S.R.)	23	23	23	69

*denotes winner of the "Net" Spoon.
*denotes winner of the "Handicap" Spoon.

S.R. (b) Class	200	500	600	Ttl.
Sgt. Heap	32	32	32	96
Cpl. Cole	32	32	32	96
Cpl. Rushman	31	31	31	93

S.R. (a) Class	200	500	600	Ttl.
Lt. Dawson	30	31	28	89
C/Sgt. Hale	32	34	32	98
Sgt. Cooper	31	31	31	93

B.M. Kiford	200	500	600	Ttl.
Sgt. Pennell	28	28	28	84
Pte. Geary	27	27	27	81
	174	176	176	426

The Hongkong Police v. H.K. Naval Volunteers match was fired off at Tulkoo on April 2. The scores were:

S.R. (b) Class	200	500	600	Ttl.
Sgt. Perkins	32	32	32	96
Sgt. Russell	32	32	32	96
Insp. Hopkins	32	31	32	95

S.R. (a) Class	200	500	600	Ttl.
S/Insp. Ritchie	24	27	24	75
Sgt. Pennell	28	28	28	84
Cpl. Maghar Singh	27	27	27	81
	109	176	161	446

B.M. K.N.V.F.	200	500	600	Ttl.
Mr. Ford	30	28	27	85
Surg/Lt. Mackie	33	33	32	98
Pay Sub. Lt. Bateman	31	31	31	93

S.R. (b) Class	200	500	600	Ttl.
Sub. Lt. Morahan	26	26	26	78
Cadet. Carey	24	24	24	72
*Mr. Grenham	1	30	31	62
	144	162	167	473

*not present to fire at 200 yards.

(Middlesex) on points.
Open Welterweight: Pte. McReady (Royal Scots) knocked out L/Cpl. Harris (Middlesex) in the second round.

Open Heavyweight: Pte. Moran (Middlesex) conceded a walk-over as he was the only entrant in this division.

In the Open Competition, bouts were of three rounds of two minutes each, while the Boys' Competition were three rounds of one minute each.

Football

E. L. Strange Unable To Go With The XI

The Hongkong Interport football team, comprising 14 players and two officials, left the Colony at 1 a.m. this morning by the President Cleveland for Manila, where they will participate in a series of three matches, commencing with the Interport match against Manila, on Sunday evening.

Due to the fact that Mr. E. J. Kennedy had contracted an attack of measles shortly after noon yesterday, Mr. E. L. Strange, who works with him in the Colonial Secretariat, was refused permission to travel with the Interport team and had to withdraw at practically the last minute. This was very bad luck as Strange was long due for Interport honours and had on a previous occasion suffered almost a similar disappointment.

Mr. Lee Wai-long, who is captain of the Hongkong team, said that he was quite confident that the Colony was repeating their former success over Manila, as most of the South China members of the Interport side and A. V. Gosano and N. Beltracchi had played previously under official lights. Then, again, having Mr. R. M. Omer charge of the game was no disadvantage.

The problem of the intermediate line, he said, depended upon Leung Wing-chiu's leg, as he had recently strained a tendon.

They would not decide upon the lineup until shortly before the match, although he said he favoured the inclusion of Courtney in the intermediate line in preference to Freshwater.

Many members of the Hongkong Football Association Council were on board to bid the team bon voyage, among them being the Chairman of the Association, Mr. W. Pryde.

Travelling with the team as mascot is A. V. Gosano's youngest sister.

Golf HOLDER LOSES TO YOUNG PLAYER IN ENGLISH AMATEUR

Southport, Apr. 27.
On the Birkdale links in the British amateur golf championship J. J. Pennink, winner of the last two years, the 16-year-old boy international, Ronald White, who is a local player, at the 18th. White was one up and in turn was three up and five to play. Pennink squared at the 17th, losing an extra hole by misjudging a third shot.

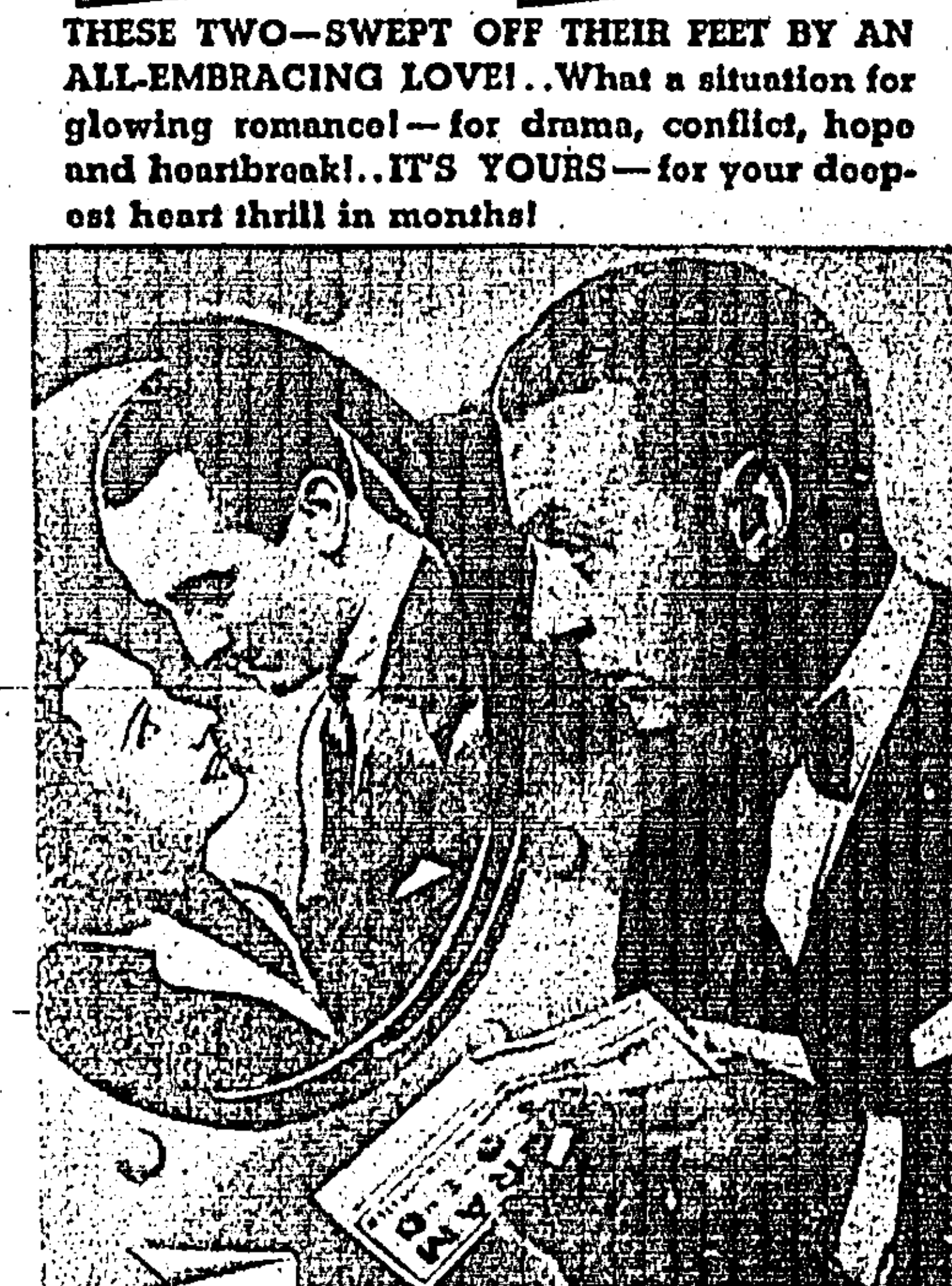
Another unexpected defeat was that of Harry Bentley, winner of 1937, by E. Nugenthead, London golfer, at the 19th.

The major match of this round between the former winners, Leonard Crawley and Stanley Lunt, resulted in a win for Crawley after being one down at the ninth. Crawley thus avenged his defeat by Lunt at the 37th in the 1934 final.—Reuter.



Peril unites Warner Baxter, Freddie Bartholomew and Astrea Whelan in "Kidnapped," the thrilling adventure-romance 20th Century-Fox has produced from Robert Louis Stevenson's stirring novel, showing to-morrow at the King's Theatre.

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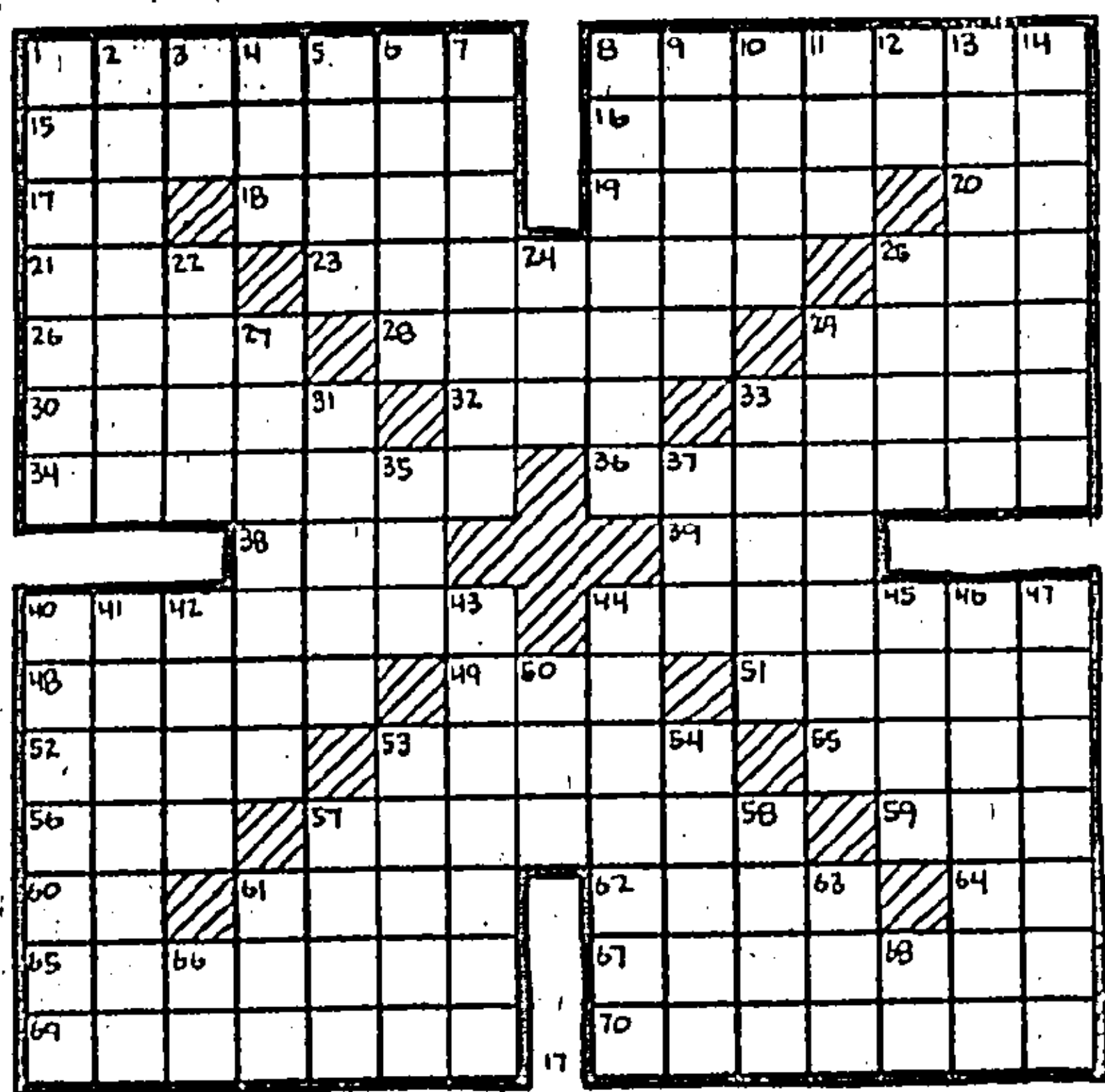
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- 1—Source of aluminum
2—Measured movement
3—To do with
4—Narcotics inducing sleep
5—Portentous
6—Inebriated
7—Shelter used by soldiers
8—Well-deserved reward
9—This object
10—Rubbish fabrication
11—Cooked with steam
12—Man's name
13—Type of amphibian
14—Calcium sulfide
15—Leave unperformed
16—Social insect
17—Male human being
18—Mixed plum
19—Days
20—Miss Del Rio
21—Kind of cloth used for Arabas
22—Horse doctor tool
23—Consider thoughtfully
24—Particulate to nutriment
25—Constipation, the
26—Perishable tuber
27—Chewing out
28—Fringing
29—Threshold
30—Pull along by main force
31—Pedal dig
32—Authoritative suggestion
33—Cupping tool
34—If (French)
35—Measuring instrument

DOWN

- 1—Plural suffix: of the nature of
2—Ninth plus one more
3—Told high opinion
4—Order
5—Oriental magistrate
6—Became inanimate
7—Ninth
8—Number (abbr.)
9—Jury of cooking
10—French
11—Narcotics left after death
12—Large sweet potatoes
13—Narcotics initiate
14—Liver in Asia
15—Period of ten years each
16—Initiated, in manner of speech
17—First year, called at West Point
18—Kind of hearing
19—Zest
20—Kind which amuses
21—Baltimore baseball team
22—Jazz band
23—Witchcraft
24—Lively talk
25—Poem by Byron
26—Regulation in muscular action
27—Narcotics who remain in place of king
28—Resident of city
29—Wild feeling
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31—Dance school of art
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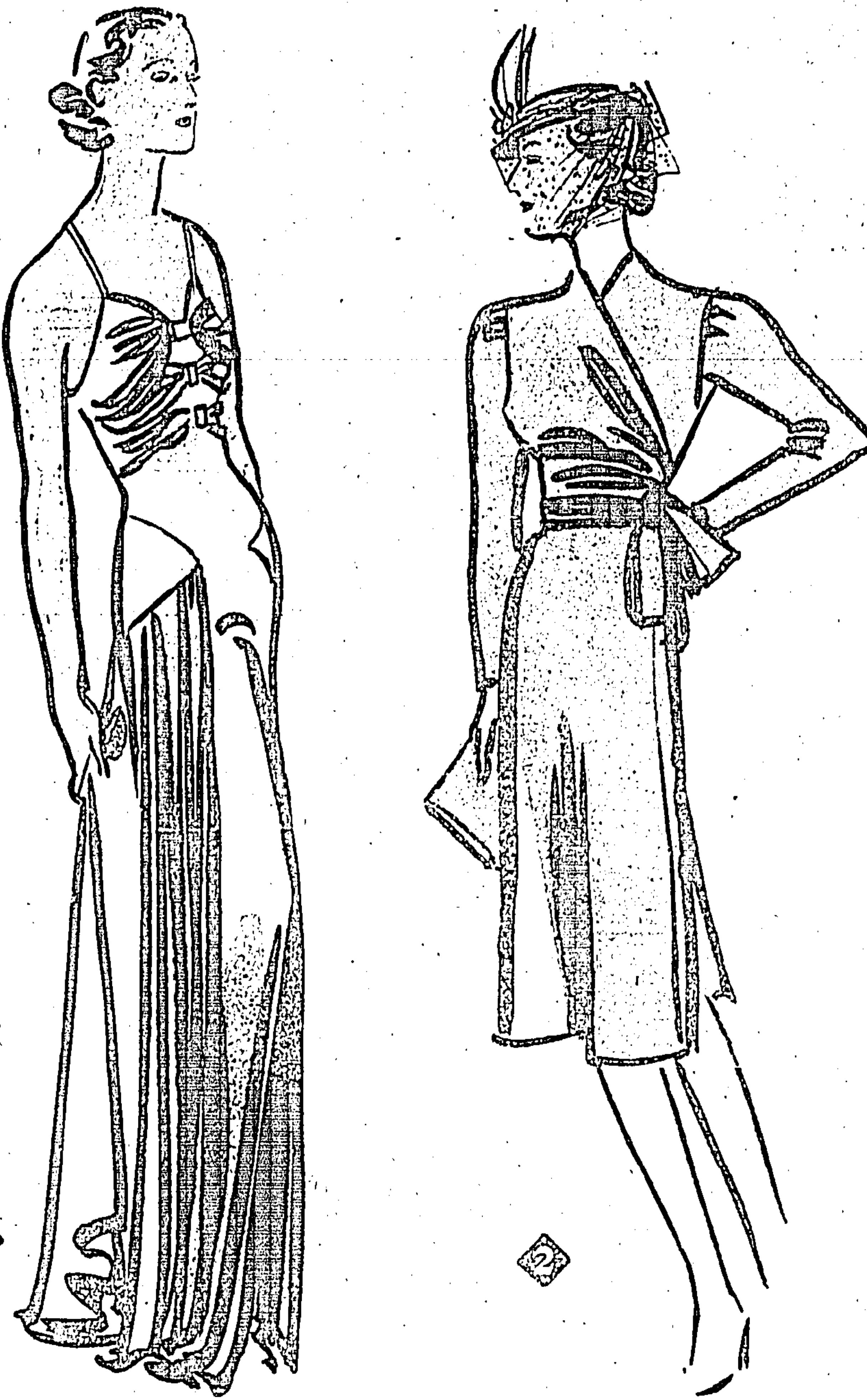
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While Exercising Pony

Proceedings against Lok Sui-wan, 30, and Lok Kwai-ming, 18, cloth-makers, for robbery with violence, were begun before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at Central Magistracy, yesterday. Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin, assisted by Sgt. T. Cashman was present for the prosecution.

Defendants were charged with robbing Wu To, Jockey Club mafao, on a pathway between the Jockey Club and Taihang, of \$130, a silver pocket watch and a leather wallet, on April 1.

Wu, in evidence, said he left the stable with a pony about 5.30 a.m. for Wongninchong Gap, and when going past a path near Bluepool Road, met two men. One asked him the way to Deepwater Bay but he was struck on the eye before he had time to answer. He was then seized by the neck and thrown to the ground, while the second man took the wallet which was attached to his belt, and his watch.

Dr. E. R. J. Naidu, of the Queen Mary Hospital, testified to having examined Wu, and finding a small laceration over the left eyebrow, and bruises over the left chest and knee. He agreed that the injuries were consistent with Wu's story of the attack.

To Chi-keung, unemployed, told the Court that he met defendants on the night of March 31, and went with them from Kowloon to visit a man named Lo Kee, in Kwai Fong Street, Wongninchong. They left the house about 10 p.m. but returned between 8 and 9 a.m. when they separated.

The two defendants went up to the hill at the rear of Wongninchong, and shortly after, while in Kwai Fong Street, he heard cries of "Save Life" from up the hill. Soon after, he saw both defendants run down the hillside and disappear in the direction of the racecourse.

To ask the next saw them in Kowloon City, where he was given \$5 by second defendant for tea. He was shown a pocket watch but was told that they did not get any money.

First defendant denied that he was with To and second defendant said the watch was given to him by To. Suggestions that he was a bad character, and that he had robbed

HERE are two of the dresses from the complete wardrobe of all-English clothes which Lady Maureen Stanley, wife of the President of the Board of Trade, has taken on her Balkan tour. She has with her a great variety of clothes, as she changes frocks at least three times a day. But they are all the same type; quiet, fairly conventional—nothing extravagant about them. Like most Englishwomen, Lady Maureen seems to have a great fancy for draped dresses—these two, for instance.

1 Evening frock in white jersey (which drapes better than any other stuff). It is cut low with half-inch-wide white shoulder straps. The bodice is draped from side to side, caught up at three points in the centre with diamond clips. The waist is tight-fitting, held in by a belt which ties across the back only.

The front of the skirt is plain, but a panel of pleats is let in on the hips each side. Note the way these pleats are put in: not straight but on the slant, by means of triangular pieces of material let into the waist each side. Back of the skirt is pleated all round to flow out when she walks.

2 An afternoon frock in black tulle (that dull mauve colour) satin. The cross-over bodice drapes high round the neck and continues on in one piece into a sash which circles the waist and ties in a loose bow on the left hip. Long sleeves are set well into the shoulder, slightly darted. The fairly straight skirt has a fold running down the left side and is slit a couple of inches at the hem.

Lady Maureen had this same dress also made in black woollen material, and wears it with a straight tailored jacket of pale blue wool.

AUTOS RACED ON ICE

WINSTED, Conn. Automobile racers have found a new sport to thrill them during the winter months—racing on frozen Highland Lake. They enter the contests in old jalopies which skid and swerve around a 30-mile course with amazing good fortune.

a man of a purse in Prince Edward Road was denied by witness. The hearing was adjourned until May 3.

Eggs On The Menu

HERE are a few recipes for supper or lunch dishes:—

Egg Timbale

Hard boil three eggs and cook 1½ lb. potatoes. Mash the potatoes, and add them to 1 oz. butter melted in a saucepan. Beat till smooth, then turn out on a floured board, and form into a long roll.

Turn this into a ring on a flat fire-proof dish, brush over with beaten egg, and bake in a moderate oven till brown.

Shell the hard-boiled eggs, and cut each in four. Make a white sauce with 2 oz. butter, 2 oz. flour, and 2 breakfastcupfuls milk. Add the eggs to the sauce, heat thoroughly, and pour into the potato ring. Garnish with chopped parsley and serve at once.

Tomato Eggs

Choose four firm large tomatoes. Cut a slice off the stalk end, and scoop out inside. Mix 1 tablespoonful chopped parsley and 1 teaspoon chopped onion together. Sprinkle a little of this inside each tomato. Then break an egg into centre of each. Cover the surface with bread crumbs, and place on a pat of margarine.

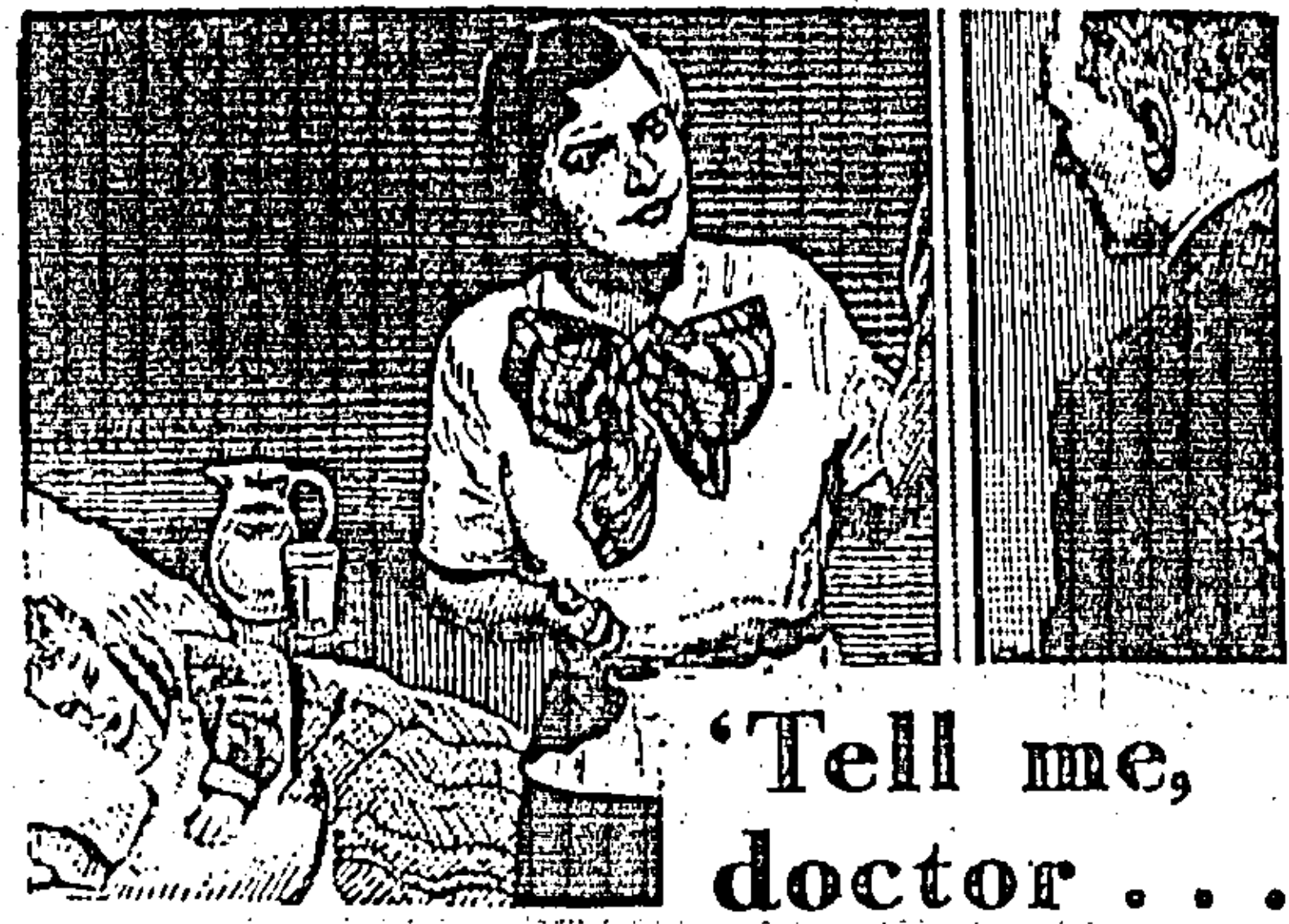
Bake in a greased dish for 10-15 minutes. Serve at once.

Eggs with Shrimps

Allow 1 egg for each person, and boil them hard. Pour cold water over them and remove the shells. Cut each egg across, so that you have 2 little cakes.

Take out the yolks, and crush them in a bowl, with a few shrimps, previously shelled. Stir in enough mayonnaise sauce to moisten the mixture. Fill the whites with the preparation, and spread on a bed of lettuce leaves or garnish with parsley.

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OBITUARY

Mr. Sydney Boulton Dies In Hospital

Mr. S. Boulton, of the Talkoo Dockyard, died at the War Memorial Hospital yesterday afternoon after an illness lasting about three weeks. He was 65 years of age. The funeral will take place this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

Mr. Boulton was born at Bath, Somersetshire, of old county stock, and migrated early to London. After securing a temporary post in the Government service, he came to Hongkong, arriving on May 25, 1899, on the old P. and O. Ceylon.

After a residence of more than 30 years in the Colony, Mr. Boulton retired from the Talkoo Sugar Refinery and left Hongkong in November, 1928, but returned to the Colony in 1930, and had been with the Talkoo Dockyard up to the time of his death.

Mr. Boulton's connection with Hongkong has been full of service to others, and his death will be a great blow to his many friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Boulton joined the staff of the Talkoo Sugar Refinery in January, 1903 and was mainly instrumental in inaugurating many social and recreational facilities for the Talkoo Club. He had done much work on behalf of the institution and its members.

In other directions, Mr. Boulton had been a contributor to the general good of the community. He was an early member of the Volunteers, and resigned for a spell, but joined up again when war broke out in 1914, and continued until the Armistice.

Mr. Boulton will also be remembered for his part in the establishment of Sunday School activities, which, with the help of a few others, he started the Sunday School which was later absorbed into the Union Church organization. He also took an interest in the work at the Church Mission Home and Orphanage, which was known as Fairlie, at West Point.

A keen sportsman in his younger days, Mr. Boulton was one of the Talkoo Bowling Green Club's first members, and was present in 1905-6 at the Club when the decision to adopt the game of lawn bowls was decided upon after much discussion.

Mr. Boulton leaves a daughter, Enid, in Hongkong, and a son Keith, in England with Messrs. Allan and West, engineers. His wife died here four years ago.

A nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. A. Andrews of the Peak Tramway Company are also in Hongkong. Mrs. Andrews is the daughter of the sister of Mrs. Boulton. Another daughter is Mrs. A. Jillett, of Hongkong.

MR. BRIAN L. LEWIS Former Hongkong Resident Dies in Australia

His many friends in Hongkong will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Brian Lander Lewis in Sydney, on April 26. Mr. Lewis is survived by his widow and two-year-old son.

Mr. Lewis was a former Managing Director of Messrs. Heis, Massey and Company, Ltd. and had served the Company in Hongkong and Shanghai. He resided in 1933 for health reasons and established himself in Sydney as a commodity broker.

Mr. Lewis served in the Great War as an officer and was wounded several times.

MR. ANDREW BRADY Shanghai Irishman Who Ran Away to Sea

Shanghai, Apr. 27. Mr. Andrew Augustus Brady, 62, died here to-day after a long and painful illness.

Mr. Brady was a native of Ballyconnell, County Galway, Ireland, and ran away from home to go to sea at the age of 15. He landed in Shanghai in 1901 where he worked for the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Company and the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, later becoming an auctioneer. He joined the Shanghai Stock Exchange in 1910 and was twice elected Chairman of that body.

A wife and brother survive.

NELSON KEYS

Noted Musical Comedy Star Dies in London

London, Apr. 27. The death occurred to-day of Nelson Keys, the well-known English musical comedy comedian. He first played in Hull in 1900, and a few years later became one of the

Japan-France Concluding Trade Pact

Tokyo, Apr. 27. Following the reaching of a preliminary understanding on March 18, the trade negotiations between Japan and France are making satisfactory progress and a new trade agreement will shortly be concluded between the two countries, informed quarters understand.

As a result of the negotiations conducted between Mr. Matsushima, Director of the Commercial Bureau of the Foreign Office, and M. Tacher, Commercial Attaché of the French Embassy, an agreement of views has already been reached on technical matters, it is revealed.

The only points yet to be straightened out are the abolition of the issuance of certificates of origin on Japanese imports and the alleviation of Japanese restrictions on French imports.

The projected trade agreement will provide, inter alia for the following points:

Japan during 1939 will import yen 50,000,000 worth of iron ores and special steel from France and her colonies.

Japan during the same year will export yen 70,000,000 worth of goods to France and her colonies, the amount marking the average of Japanese exports during the past two years.

France will consider possible lifting of exchange compensation duties on Japanese goods and will not increase duties on Japanese goods.

—Daniel.

Sorority Errs On Pledge

EAST LANSING, Mich. It wasn't that Michigan State College sororities stooped to pledging men, it was that they just made a mistake. The story probably never would have appeared if the recipient of the Chi Omega invitation to a tea hadn't been "Orie," columnist for the college paper, "Orie," a junior, accepted and attended the tea.

leading figures in the London stage, *Reuter Bulletin*.

Nelson Keys was born on August 17, 1886. He has played the leading comedy and character roles in several British pictures, including "Tip-toes," "Madame Pompadour," "Mumsey," and "When Knights Were Bold," and Robespierre in "The Triumph of the Scarlet Pimpernel."

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Social Items

The Busy Bees Working Party will hold a Bridge and Mahjong Drive at the Cathedral Hall on Monday, at 3 p.m. Admission is \$1.

Miss Barbara Mary Brown, and Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander Claudius Alexander Herdman, R.N., were married at St. Andrew's Cathedral Singapore, recently. Miss Brown is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Brown of Singapore, and the bridegroom the son of Capt. and Mrs. J. C. Herdman, of Slon House, Slon Mills, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

Mrs. C. A. Sutherland Russ, wife of the well-known solicitor, will go to Manila on Saturday by the Conte Blancamano to join her husband there.

The wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday between Mr. William James Cameron, police officer, and Miss Muriel Gordon Smith, of the Ladies' Salon of Lane Crawford Ltd.

A quiet wedding took place at Luk Kwok Hotel on April 22 when Mary Shingho, only daughter of Mr. Y. L. Tang and the late Mrs. Tang of Stanley, was married to Chung Sam, second son of Dr. Y. T. Cheng and the late Mrs. Cheng, of Hoiatu, Chungshan. Mr. Cheng is with the Standard Oil Co., and the bride was on the staff of St. Stephen's Girls' College.

LATE NEWS

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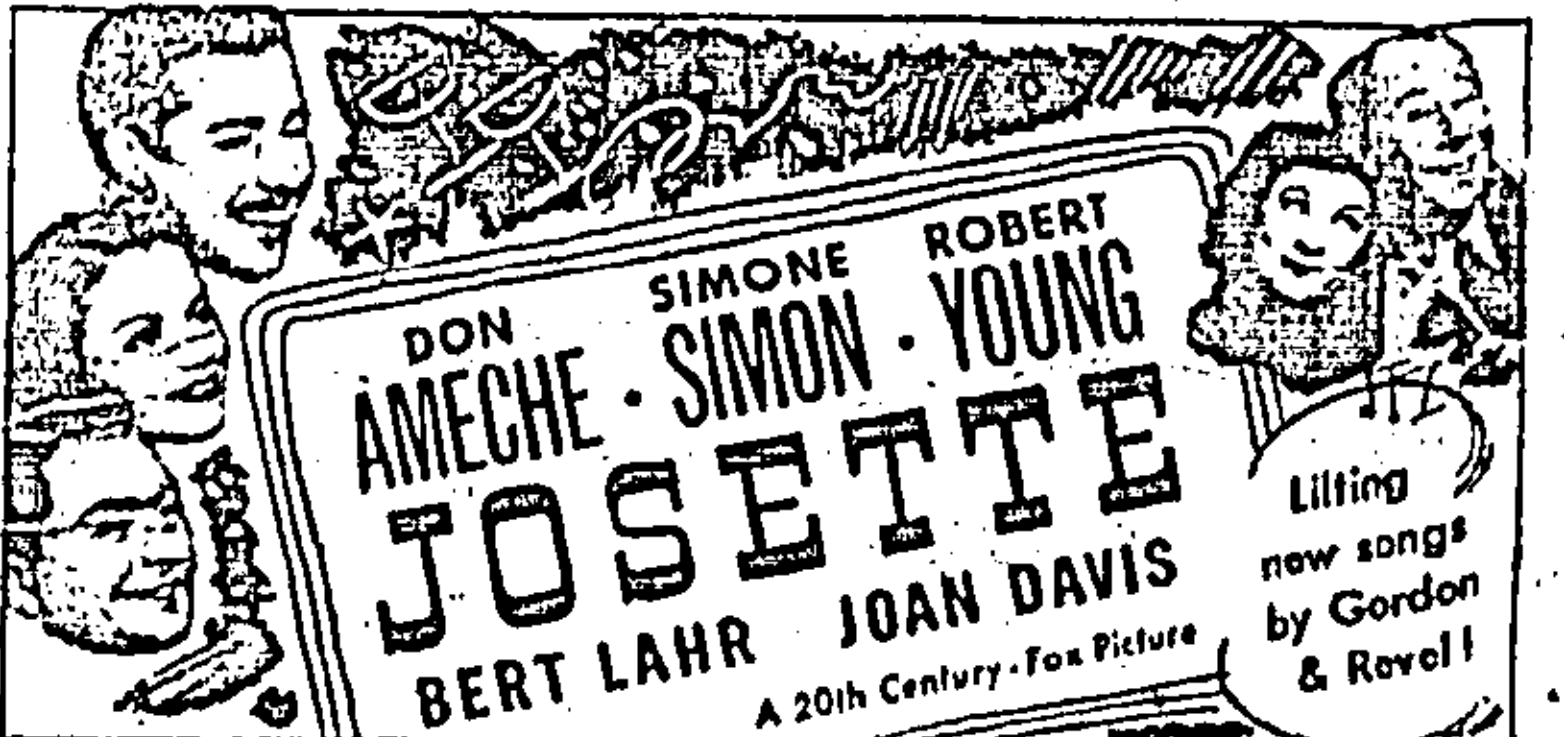
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"I DO think we are in a position in which a little one way or the other may decide whether war will come or not. "Conscription is so important that the Government may be forced to call a General Election if the Opposition pushes the controversy too far."

— Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons yesterday.

DECISIVE VOTE FOR GOVERNMENT'S POLICY

LONDON, Apr. 27.

"I DO not want to give the idea that war is imminent—I do not think it is," declared the British Prime Minister, in opening the House of Commons debate on the Conscription measure to-day.

"But I do think we are in a position in which a very little one way or the other may decide whether war will come or not."

Mr. Chamberlain indicated that he felt the decision to introduce conscription had averted a disaster.

ELECTION THREAT

Conscription was so important, he said, that the Government may be forced to call a general election if the Opposition pushed the controversy too far.

The Premier showed his anxiety to avoid an election during what he called "the vital weeks."

The Opposition leader, Mr. Clement Attlee, bitterly attacked the measure and suggested that Mr. Chamberlain was not a good friend to democracy.

BROKEN PLEDGES

He charged that Mr. Chamberlain had broken his pledge that he would not invoke conscription, and contended that the problem of supply was greater than that of man power.

Mr. Attlee moved the Labour amendment to the Government's motion for the approval of conscription—an amendment asking for a direct vote of No Confidence in the Government.

OPPOSITION CRUSHED

The Government motion was adopted by the decisive vote of 376 to 145, and the Labour amendment was defeated by 380 votes to 143.—*Reuter.*

LONDON, Apr. 27.—Moving the motion welcoming Compulsory Service, Mr. Neville Chamberlain dealt with the question of consultation with other parties, and explained that it was not the Government's intention to keep them in the dark.

Under the pressure which the Government had been working there had been no time for consultations.

If the decision had been delayed until next week, it would have been taken as a relation to Herr Hitler's speech to-morrow.

Replying to Mr. Attlee, Mr. Chamberlain said he considered it of national importance that the House arrive at a decision by to-night. There could be a debate next week on the second reading of the Bill, the text of which would be issued early next week.

The Broken Pledges

Dealing with the charge that he had broken pledges, the Premier quoted his previous statements on conscription, and added: "On two of those occasions conditions were very different from what they are to-day. On neither occasion was war imminent, and there was no question in the minds of anybody at that time that it was likely to lead to war."

"Re-arming had not reached the dimensions of the pace which characterises it to-day. Then, we thought it possible to meet all our needs by a voluntary system, though we realised that we should have to pursue a vigorous campaign if we

DIPLOMATS ON THE MOVE

DIPLOMATS and statesmen were still on the move in Europe yesterday. Here is the latest news of the "diplomatic war" now in progress, culled from "Reuters," "United Press" and "Trans-Ocean" messages:

M. de Meuzie, French Minister for Public Works, has returned to Paris from Poland. He has made a report to M. Daladier, and informed the Press that "good work had been accomplished."

General von Brauchitsch, C. in C. of the German Army, will arrive in Rome on Saturday. He will see Mussolini and the King, and will afterwards visit Tripoli.

M. Maisky, Soviet Ambassador to London, has arrived in Paris. He is reported to be planning a secret conference with the Rumanian Foreign Minister regarding Russian aid with large-scale supplies of munitions and airplanes.

M. Bonnet is reported to have outlined a plan at a conference with M. Gafencu, Rumanian Foreign Minister for British, French and Russian aid in the event of a German attack.

Prince Paul of Yugoslavia is expected to officially visit Berlin in June. But it is not revealed whether Yugoslavia is to join the Anti-Comintern pact.

LIVELY LABOUR CRITICISM

Supply, Not Man Power, As Problem

LONDON, Apr. 27.

MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE, who was loudly cheered by his Party, declared his desire to emphasise the first line of the amendment, which read: "Whilst prepared to take all the necessary steps to provide for the safety of the nation and the fulfilment of its international obligations."

No section of the country was more firmly resolved to resist any domination whether by Herr Hitler or anybody else, declared Mr. Attlee.

There was no question about the readiness of his people to make sacrifices to the cause of freedom and democracy. They were opposed to the introduction of conscription because they believed that so far from strengthening the country, it would weaken it and divide it at a time when it should be strong and united.

"We are as determined as anybody else to see the defence of this country in every way developed so that Britain is in a position of sufficient strength to fulfil all her obligations."

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FAMILIAR REICH TACTICS

German Troops On Move As Propaganda Starts

COLOGNE, Apr. 27.

THE intensification of troop movements in the Cologne area has been noted during the last 36 hours.

Lesser movements of troops have been proceeding in the same area for several weeks.

Officials claim it is the normal disposition of the Rhineland garrisons.—*United Press.*

First, The Propaganda

Berlin, Apr. 27.

The official German News Agency to-day reported an outbreak of anti-German incidents in Upper Silesia and in the Polish Corridor.

The report alleged that bands of Poles stoned the houses of Germans at Katowitz, Koelzigsette and Opatow, and also that they stoned the German school at Rybnik, while a German theatre has been closed down at Teschen.

It is reported that a German blooded citizen of Katowitz, one Kwilinski, and his son and daughter were forced to flee under their beds by a hail of stones which smashed the windows, furniture and pictures and broke down the walls of their home.—*United Press.*

Lithuanian Demands

KOVNO, Apr. 27.

Informed circles state that Germany has demanded a 25 per cent.

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Status Of Danzig

Poland Makes Final Offer

WARSAW, Apr. 27.

OBVIOUSLY inspired comment in the Polish press to-day reported the conditions under which a change in the status of Danzig would be accepted.

Firstly, that Danzig would not be incorporated in Germany's political boundaries.

Secondly, that Danzig remain under the Polish Customs jurisdiction.

Thirdly, Polish interests and rights in Danzig must be maintained.

These conditions are identical with the comment "The collapse of the League of Nations places Germany and Poland in the position of facing new regulations regarding the position of Danzig."—*United Press.*

Million Under Arms

Warsaw, Apr. 27.

Poland has 1,000,000 troops under arms at the present time declares the Government organ "Dziennik Wiecez" to-day, in giving the first figures on mobilisation in the country.

Six hundred thousand reserves were called up four weeks ago, which, added to the number of active troops, brings the total to the million mark.—*Trans-Ocean.*

1,500,000 Men If Necessary Britain Ready To Recruit Big Army

LONDON, Apr. 27.

GOVERNMENT circles indicated to-night that the Premier was prepared to swell the Defence forces by 1,500,000 men if the situation becomes more critical.

These men have so far been classified in reserved occupations.—*United Press.*

Available For Service

London, Apr. 27.

Sir John Anderson, Minister for Civil Defence, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the provisional schedule of reserved occupations had been overhauled in consequence of adverse criticism, with the result that 1,500,000 men have been removed from the schedule, including 630,000 under 38 years of age.

The Minister added that this latter class would be available for service in the territorial army, while men between 38 and 50 would be available for air raid precautions work and defence of the coasts.

The Minister added that the introduction of compulsory service would possibly necessitate a further revision of the schedule.—*Trans-Ocean.*

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Gibraltar Precautions

BURGOS, Apr. 27.—Commenting on the British defensive measures in Gibraltar, the "Diario Vasco" says to-day that nobody had the slightest intention of attacking that fortress.

Yet, it is pointed out, England during the great war, did not take such

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U.S. SANCTIONS AGAINST JAPAN

DRAMATIC MOVE IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Apr. 27.

SENATOR KEY PITTMAN to-day introduced into Congress a resolution empowering the President, after ten days notice, to place an embargo on all exports to Japan, except agricultural products.

The resolution is actually directed against any violator of the Nine-Power Treaty, but Senator Pittman let it be known that it was designed primarily to affect Japan.—*Reuter.*

Senator Key Pittman, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has introduced legislation permitting President Roosevelt to "place restrictions on trade and commerce between the United States and any violator of the Nine Power Treaty."

This means that embargoes against Japan will be made possible.

The President would enforce the provisions of the proposed law through the issuance of proclamations which would become effective within 10 days after their submission to Congress.

Congress would not have power to veto the proclamations.

Senator Pittman told the Press that the proposed legislation is necessary "so that our Government will have authority to ease the restrictions imposed on our citizens in China."

At the present time, and for many months, the Japanese Government in its conquest of China, has been endangering the lives of our citizens and restricting their rights and privileges by violating the guarantees of the Nine Power Treaty.

"Our Government for months has been protesting to Japan without success. This resolution places in the President's hands power which will probably aid him in facilitating an understanding with Japan."—*United Press.*

According to Shanghai newspaper files, the only N.Y.K. ships in port at the time the incident was sited to have taken place were the Anshing Maru, Hakkaishan Maru, Nansan Maru, Tategami Maru and Lisbon Maru.

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Similar instructions were issued in Shanghai yesterday by the Messageries Maritimes Line.

The Shanghai office of the French company has issued an order, under instructions from Paris, barring all visitors to M. M. Ships.

A "Domest" message states that the order reflects French nervousness regarding sabotage following the recent disastrous fire in the s.s. Paris.

De Valera Cancels U.S. Trip

DUBLIN, Apr. 27.—In the Dail to-day, Mr. Eamon De Valera announced that he has postponed his trip to the United States due to "grave events which occurred yesterday" the nature of which have not been revealed.

However, the postponement is believed to be due mainly to the apparent intention to carry out conscription in Northern Ireland.

Reports from Belfast said it is understood that Northern Ireland will bring into effect the British conscription order immediately.—*United Press.*

Royal Couple In Atlantic Drama

NEW YORK, Apr. 27.—The Norwegian-American liner Oslofjord, which is bringing the Norwegian Crown Prince Olav and Princess Martha to America on a goodwill tour, to-day rounded and sank the pilot boat, Sandy Hook, in a dense fog outside of the New York harbour.

The Oslofjord's lifeboats rescued the entire crew of 20, and nobody was injured.—*United Press.*

KING TO TRAVEL IN FORMER GERMAN LINER

London, Apr. 27.

In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Chamberlain announced that the King and Queen will travel to Canada on the Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of Australia, instead of the battleship Repulse.—*United Press.*

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Australia (21,800-tonnes) was formerly the German liner Tirpitz. It was handed over to Britain after the Great War, under the terms of the Versailles Treaty.

"Trans-Ocean" reports that the Canadian liner will be escorted across the Atlantic by the cruisers Glasgow and Southampton. H.M.S. Repulse will remain in European waters.

"United Press" states that Mr. Chamberlain, in making the announcement in the House of Commons, said that the Government considered it better that the battleship Repulse, on which it had been originally intended that their

Majesties should travel, should not, under the existing circumstances, leave European waters.

Council To Act For The King

LONDON, Apr. 27.

It is learned that five Counsellors of State will be appointed under the Great Seal to act for the King during his absence in Canada.

The Queen, who must be included because of the special provisions of the Regency Act of 1937, will be one, and the others, the Duke of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent, the Princess Royal, and the Princess Arthur of Connaught.—*Reuter.*

TIME BOMB FOUND IN N.Y.K. SHIP

Shanghai Attempt At Sabotage

DISCOVERY of a time bomb aboard a N.Y.K. liner has frustrated what appears to have been a deliberate attempt to set fire to the ship after it left Shanghai.

Only meagre details of the incident have been released, and the name of the Japanese ship is not revealed.

A "Domest" message states that an incendiary mechanism was discovered aboard the vessel in Shanghai, shortly before she was due to sail. It is not stated whether the vessel was en route to Hongkong or Japan.

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LATEST

SPIES TRY TO JOIN THE B.B.C.

Stop Radio Chimes—Plea From Germany

THE B.B.C., who in the past few weeks have been interviewing refugees applying for work at translating English news-bulletins into German, have been warned through unofficial channels by the British Secret Service in Germany that among the applicants are Nazi agents. As a result of this warning several applications from alleged refugees have recently been turned down at Broadcasting House. No reasons were given.

The B.B.C. take a serious view of the situation. They realise that if a Nazi spy found a position on the staff he could do irreparable damage in a national emergency by distorting or falsifying news.

The Nazis tried the same tactics in Vienna and Prague—and succeeded. The B.B.C. are determined that "it shan't happen here."

INVESTIGATIONS
An official at Broadcasting House said: "It is a situation that might very easily arise. But the routine investigations that the B.B.C. make concerning every applicant would finally show up any impostors." A great many refugees since

arriving in England have written to the B.B.C. importing them on behalf of their fellows still in Germany to do away with the "interval-signal" of the bellchimes that always precede the German news on the Regional programme.

The chimes, they say, can be heard easily in the street and are recognizable by members of the Gestapo, who promptly arrest the owner of the set.



Frau Scholtz-Klink, left, head of the Nazi women's organization, the *Freundschaft*, greeted on a visit to London by Frau Dirksen, wife of the German envoy.

After 5 Years She Knows No English

ODETTE Lasserre, a 43-year-old French woman who cannot speak a word of English although she has been in England since October, 1933, was at Home recently fined £1 for being in this country without leave.

Lasserre pleaded guilty through an interpreter, and said that an Englishman brought her to England to be married.

"I WAITED AND WAITED"
"He promised to get a divorce and marry me immediately," she said. "I waited and waited, and then he left me."

Mr. J. E. Stevens, prosecuting, said Lasserre landed with a permit valid for two months. She had not reported to the police until last month, when a woman friend brought her.

A French woman, with whom Lasserre and the man had stayed in Home, said she understood then that they were married.

She said: "I gather that the man did not want Lasserre to learn English as she might have learned too much about his affairs."

The magistrates made no order as to deportation.



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Why So Few Women Barristers?

FOUR leading French women barristers, ardent feminists, who arrived in London recently as guests of British women barristers, are puzzled.

"They cannot understand why, although there is woman's suffrage in Britain but not in France, there are about eight times as many women practising at the Bar in France as there are in this country."

"In France," said Maître Odette Simon-Bleau, "there are more than 400 women barristers, and nearly all of them are practising. In Britain, while some 250 women have been called to the Bar since 1922, only about 50 of them are in practice."

HIGHEST TITLE

"In Britain, it seems, the degree of barrister-at-law is regarded by many as an academic, or even a social distinction, sometimes merely as an additional qualification for appointments in the public services. In France the title of Maître is perhaps the highest rank a woman can achieve."

To understand more fully the struggle for woman's suffrage in Great Britain, the French women barristers are meeting leading feminists in Britain and will visit Holloway Gaol, scene of hunger-strikes by suffragettes.

BEAUTY AND BRAVE

Madame Colette Anjubault de Balsac, secretary of the Association, who, for her obstructive attitude to the German occupation of Lille, is

NAVY CHILDREN'S ALLOWANCES CUT

EVERY naval rating who has children to support is having his allowances cut. A rating with one child will lose 6d. a week, with two or three children 1s., and with four children and more 1s. 6d.

The reduction is officially described as being due to the fall in the cost of living index figure. There will be no cut in the allowance for a wife, no cut for single men, and no cut for married men without children.

The allowances for officers' children are unaltered.

The rate for the ratings with one child is reduced from 5s. 6d. to 5s.; for two children, from 6s. to 5s.; for three, from 7s. to 6s.; for four, from 8s. to 7s.; and for five from 9s. to 8s.

A year ago the married allowances for naval ratings and other ranks of the Royal Marines were substantially increased. The wife allowance was increased by 7s., and a man with a wife and one child got an increase from 15s. to 22s. 6d. a week.

It was stated at the Admiralty that all chief petty officers, petty officers and ratings, except Maltese, were affected, and that the reduced rates would continue to apply until April 1940.

Briton On Nazi Radio—

"I May Seem A Traitor"

THE voice of an Englishman, criticising England and praising Hitler, was broadcast to Britain from Berlin shortwave station recently on a wavelength of thirty-one metres.

The introduction of the broadcast was not heard, but the mystery speaker began his talk—which was on the lines of a Hitler speech—with the words: "To some I may seem a traitor, but hear me out."

He constantly referred to "we Englishmen," and "our country." After a reference to Mr. Eden as an "arch-Bolshevist," the speaker said: "At no time in history has Britain had such weak leaders, or more need of strong ones."

"BOMBING ARABS"
Germany, he continued, had always wanted peace with Britain, who had no right to talk of aggression, since the Empire had been built on aggression.

Britain was bombing Arabs in Palestine, but Hitler did not "try to tell us our business."

The Central European democracies were condemned as having nothing in common with Britain, and being "in the hands of Jewish Bolsheviks."

Poland was a country run by feudal landlords. Were Englishmen going to fight for them?

When the speech ended an announcer who usually broadcasts news in English said: "This is Berlin short-wave station." He then gave the details of a concert by the station orchestra.

Raid Wardens Must Not Tell

BECAUSE a woman questioned a Hampstead air raid warden as to private information he had gained in the course of his visits, a special warning has been issued.

Wardens have been reminded by Hampstead Council authorities that particulars of individuals obtained while checking up on the issue of gas masks must be regarded as confidential.

"Private inquiry agents, especially in search of divorce evidence, might not hesitate to try to 'pump' a warden," Mr. W. F. Essex, Assistant Air Raid Precautions Officer to the borough, said.

"A warden might innocently give away information which could cause a great deal of trouble."

The warning signed by the Town Clerk, Mr. T. H. Harrold, says:—

"It is possible that the incident may be repeated. . . I would like to warn wardens against being drawn into disclosing information which might undermine the confidence that the public are beginning to place in the wardens' service."

Singapore Defences Completed This Year

THE great naval base of Singapore, key of British Empire defences, will be completed and ready to operate at full capacity this year. Then the dockyard, most modern in the world, will be in a condition to maintain a full battle fleet. Every protective gun will be in position and the big air base beside the naval "fortress" will be in full commission, with a chain of outlying bases to guard the base.

The strength of the base is terrific, being constructed on the presumption that it might have to stand a siege until naval reinforcements could be rushed to the scene.

Although no ceremony has yet been planned for the absolute completion of the whole base, people of Singapore are already expressing the hope that the Duke and Duchess of Kent might pay a visit to Singapore on their way to Australia.

COSTLY UNDERTAKING

The base has taken fifteen years to build and has cost about £20,000,000, naval works alone having cost £11,500,000.

The heaviest guns in existence, in well-camouflaged emplacements, guard the base, and the anti-aircraft defences are described as unparalleled.

Up till now Britain could not have operated her heaviest units in Eastern waters because of the lack of a suitable base for maintenance. Now the British Navy can operate with as great safety and in as great strength in the East as in home waters.

Valued Dead Or Alive

MONTEREY, Cal.

Sharks have the double advantage of being just as valuable dead as they are alive, according to Al Meyer, expert on the Pacific coast fishing industry. His statistics show that 1,500,000 sharks are being used in the shark reduction industry in the United States. However, before they are caught, they are equally valuable in protecting sardines by eating the larger fish that prey on sardines.

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H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Banks Ltd. 1.365 n.
H. K. Banks Ltd. 84 n.
Chartered Bank 7 1/2 n.
Metcalf & Co. 27 n.
Metcalf & Co. 13 n.
East Asia 20 n.

INSURANCES
Canton 220 n.
Unions 437 1/2 n.
China Underwriter 1.30 n.
H.K. Fire 180 n.

SHIPPING
Douglas S. (x d.) 66 n.
Steamboats 16 n.
Indo-China S. 60 n.
Indo-China S. 24 n.
Shell Bunkers s/- (x d.) 80 7/8 n.
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DOCKS ETC.
Wharves 100 b.
Docks 10 1/2 n.
Providents 4.30 n.
New Eng. Sh. 6.00 n.
Sh. Docks, Sh. 6.00 n.

MINEING
Kailan s/- 17 1/2 n.
Itanbu 8.55 n.
Venz: Goldfield 3 n.
Hongkong Mines cts. 4 n.
Antamoks Ps. 32 sa.
Atoka Ps. 31 sa.
Bungo Gold Ps. 24 sa.
Bungo Gold Ps. 12.00 sa.
Coco Grove Ps. 33 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. 13 sa.
I.X.L. Ps. 24 1/2 sa.
Hopons Ps. 24 1/2 sa.
Carmarines Ps. 45 sa.
San Maritelo Ps. 57 sa.
Suyao Conds. Ps. 50 sa.
Paracales Ps. 50 sa.

LANDS
Hotels 5.40 n.
Lands 32 1/2 n.
Lands 4% deb. 104 n.
Shui Kien Sh. 8.40 n.
Humphreys 8.05 n.
H.K. Realties 8.42 n.
Chinese Estates 102 n.

UTILITIES
Trams 16.25 n.
Peak Trams (old) 8 n.
Peak Trams (new) 4 n.
Star Ferry (x d.) 22.60 n.
Y. Ferry (x d.) 22.60 n.
China Lights (old) 8.40 n.
China Lights (new) 5 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric 54 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (x d.) 16 1/2 n.
Sandalan Lights 12 n.
Telephones (old) 22 sa.
Telephones (new) 7 1/2 n.
Tractions s/- 20 1/2 n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/- 22 1/2 n.

INDUSTRIAL
Cald: Macg. (ord.) Sh. 14 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pre.) Sh. 13 n.
Canton Ice 12 1/2 n.
Cements 12 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes 3.60 n.

STORES, &c.
Dairy Farms (ex. rts.) 20 1/2 n.
Dairy Farms (rts.) 15 n.
Watsons 7 1/2 n.
Lane Crawford 8 n.
Sinceres 8 n.
Wing On (H.K.) 1 n.
Powell, Ltd. 1 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. 20.40 n.
Shal Cotton Sh. 107 n.
Zong Sing Sh. 20 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh. 40 n.

MISC.
H.K. Entertainment 0 1/2 n.
Constructions 1 1/2 n.
Vibro Piling 7 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 102 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 102 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. Loan 3 1/2 102 1/2 n.
Marsmans (Lond.) s/- 14 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/- 5 1/2 n.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

There were no changes in prices during today's session, and although buyers were in evidence for some of the popular counters, sellers were disinclined to trade.

Buyers
Hongkong Bank 133 1/2
Union Insurance 437 1/2
H.K. & K. Wharves 100
H.K. Land 132 1/2
China Lights (Old) 52.20
China Lights (New) 52.30
H.K. Electric 54 1/2
Macao Electric 16 1/2
Sandalan Lights 12
Telephones (Old) 22
Telephones (New) 7 1/2
Tractions 20 1/2
Tractions (Pref.) 22 1/2

Sellers
H.K. & S. Hotels 52.40
H.K. Realties 8.42
China Lights (Old) 52.40
China Lights (New) 52.50
Marsmans (H.K.) 5 1/2
Union Insurance 440
H.K. Tramways 101 1/2
H.K. Electric 54 1/2
Telephones 22
Antamoks Ps. 32
Atoka Ps. 31
Bungo Gold 24
Bungo Gold Consolidated 12.00
Coco Grove 33
Demonstrations 13
Hopons 24 1/2
North Camarines 45
San Maritelo 57
United Paracales 50

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) Club. An Extraordinary General Meeting has been called by the committee on Tuesday, 2nd May, at 8 p.m. Will all members please attend.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that Dividend Warrants for all classes of shares of this Bank are now ready. Shareholders are requested to apply for them at the Head Office No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Central, or through any of the Branch Offices of the Bank, or Bank of Canton, San Francisco.

By order of the Board of Directors
M. Y. TANG,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 22, 1939.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Fifty-Eighth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 18th May, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th May to the 18th May, 1939, both days inclusive.

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The Fifty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 25th May, 1939, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

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German Troops On Move

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extensive measures to defend Gibraltar as she is taking to-day.

The paper concludes by asking what imaginary perils these measures are destined to avert.—Trans-Ocean.

Panama Passage

PANAMA, Apr. 27.—The United States fleet, which is returning to the Pacific, to-day began passage through the Panama Canal.

The International tension was reflected by the fact that machine-guns were guarding the Canal banks and locks, which is an unprecedented precaution in peace time.—Reuter.

U.S. Fleet Precautions

CHEBOURG, Apr. 27.—The United States Consul has been informed that "in view of the present situation," the proposed visit to Chebourg of the U.S.S. destroyers Benham and Elliot, and the submarine Saury has been cancelled.—Reuter.

G. R. REGISTRATION of BRITISH SUBJECTS

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Demand	1s. 2 1/2/32
T.T. Shanghai	170 1/2
T.T. Singapore	62 1/2
T.T. Japan	104 1/2
T.T. India	28 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	57 1/2
T.T. Manila	57 1/2
T.T. Batavia	53 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	151 1/2
T.T. Saigon	107 1/2
T.T. France	107 1/2
T.T. Germany	11 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	11 1/2
T.T. Australia	1 1/2/32

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4 m/s L/c London	1/2 31/32
4 m/s D/p do.	1/2 31/32
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	20 1/2
4 m/s France	11.20
30 d/s India	83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.60 1/4

U. S. COMMODITY PRICES LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Apr. 27.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
May	8.37/37	8.39/37
July	8.11/11	8.11/11
Oct.	7.80/78	7.74/74
Dec.	7.70/69	7.64/64
Jan.	7.68/68	7.63/63
Mar.	7.70/70	7.61/61
Spot	9.11 N	9.11 N

The First Notice Day for May cotton is April 25th, and the last day is May 10th.

New York Rubber

May	15.01/71	15.70/70
Sept.	15.78/78	15.91/91
Dec.	15.89/88	15.97/97
Mar.	16.00/00	16.00/00

The First Notice Day for May rubber is April 27th, and the last day is May 1st.

To-day's Sales—2,600 tons.

Chicago Wheat

May	69 1/2/70	70 1/2/70 1/2
July	69 1/2/69 1/2	70 1/2/70 1/2
Sept.	69 1/2/69 1/2	70 1/2/70 1/2

Wednesday's Sales—16,049,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May	48 1/2/48 1/2	48 1/2/48 1/2
July	50 1/2/50 1/2	50 1/2/50 1/2
Sept.	51 1/2/51 1/2	51 1/2/51 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat

May	62 1/2/62 1/2	62 1/2/62 1/2
July	63 1/2/63 1/2	63 1/2/63 1/2
Oct.	64 1/2/64 1/2	64 1/2/64 1/2

BRIDGE OLYMPIC

Owing to a lack of interest a Contract Bridge Olympic tournament was not organized in Hongkong this year, but as the hands arrived, a few enthusiasts met in a private house last night for a hastily arranged contest. Twenty hands selected by a committee of experts in the United States were played, and resulted in J. C. Poole and Mrs. Lambert (North and South) and Mr. N. Rakusen and Mr. Douglas Hunt (East and West) returning the not high scores (total, not Olympic par which is decided by the Olympic Committee).

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SATURDAY'S FLOWERS Almost \$9,000 Raised For War Orphans

The National Association for the Care of War Orphans, Hongkong Branch, writes:

On Saturday our sale of flowers was very well supported, both by the public and the numerous school children and other friends who kindly helped our children to sell their flowers. The total receipts have already passed the \$8,000 mark, and a few more smaller collections are yet to come in, so we have good hopes of passing the \$9,000 figure. The money will go into our Endowment Fund, of which there is already \$50,000.

All the raw materials, the tools and teachers for making the flowers were supplied by Mr. Hui Yang-cheng, Proprietor of the Sun Sun Hotel, Nathan Road. These teachers and about two hundred of the war orphans made all the 150,000 odd ordinary flowers and 1,000 special wax flowers, both of which kinds were more attractive than the usual ones used on flower days. A great proportion of the flowers were sold, anything between a cent and \$100.

It is impossible to give the names of all the Chinese friends who gave large sums, but we shall just mention the Chinese contributions of \$50 and over, and the contributions of over \$100. These were: Mr. Hui Yang-cheng, Proprietor of the Sun Sun Hotel, Nathan Road. These teachers and about two hundred of the war orphans made all the 150,000 odd ordinary flowers and 1,000 special wax flowers, both of which kinds were more attractive than the usual ones used on flower days. A great proportion of the flowers were sold, anything between a cent and \$100.

Bank of China 100
Central Bank of China 100
China Bank of Communications 100
Bank of East Asia 50
Kin Cheng Bank 50
China & South Sea Bank 50
Shanghai Commercial Bank 50
Yen Yieh Commercial Bank 50
Industrial Bank of China 50
Hon. Dr. Selwyn Clarke 10
Dr. Sommers 10
Mrs. Scott Harston 5
Mr. Bagram 5

In addition, we wish to record with thanks the following—

A number of students from the Hongkong Students Relief Association, taking around the war orphans' tent from house to house and raised \$1,575.

Best Collections

The individual school children who collected the most money were: Kwan Kwong-wai, one of the War Orphans \$55.00.

Lu Pih-fang, pupil of the Fourth Free school of the Confucian Association \$44.70.

Fung Pao-er, pupil of the Third Free school of the Confucian Association \$43.52.

Of the organizations, the following sent in the largest collections: Staff of the Fung Keng Rubber factory \$174.00.

Piece-goods Association \$70.
Staff of the Compradore Dept. of \$50.

NOTED EDUCATOR Dr. Paul Monroe Talks On Present War

The remarkable cheerfulness and unwavering confidence of the Chinese people during the war have left a deep impression on Dr. Paul Monroe, professor of Education at the Teachers' College of Columbia University. In a talk on his impressions on China at a reception given by the Chinese University at the St. Francis Hotel yesterday.

Dr. Monroe arrived in Hongkong a week ago to attend the annual meeting of the China Foundation for the promotion of Education and Culture. He is leaving for America to-day on the Empress of Russia to attend the World Federation of Education Conference in Brazil next month.

Dr. Monroe said that the American people are greatly worried and concerned about the suffering of the Chinese people and the possible outcome of the present conflict. Another impression he gathered during his present trip is the entire lack of enmity against the Japanese from the part of the Chinese. From his talks with Chinese leaders, he gathered that the Chinese feel in some ways sympathetic with the Japanese people because they are suffering from their militarists.

Dr. Monroe also felt that the Chinese are stronger as a people and their culture is solidified. On the other hand, he observed, Japan is getting weaker. This is at least manifest in her economic conditions.

He also gathered the impression that there is a rift between the Japanese people and military regarding the China campaign.

The American educator thought that China will attain economic and moral leadership in the Orient.

Central News.

BEIRUT, Apr. 27.—The Mufli of Jerusalem has decided not to travel to Cairo with other Palestine Arab leaders to participate in discussions on the British proposals to solve the Palestine problem.—Reuter.

The Mercantile Bank \$65.60. Members of the Committee who went round selling special flowers, produced the following results:

Miss Irene Ho Tung \$263.
Mrs. Ho Leung (Edna) \$105.
Mrs. S. F. Tan (Rose) \$101.

It will be seen from the above that the sale was a real success and we wish to take this opportunity of thanking all who have at one time and another helped the war orphans materially or in other ways.

On the same day, but not including the flower sale, we also received the following contributions for which we wish to record our grateful thanks:

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Shanghai	Anna Macrak	April 28.
Manila	Conte Biancamano	April 28.
Japan	Kitano Maru	April 29.
Shanghai and Swatow	Klungchow	April 29.
Japan	Montevideo Maru	April 29.
Japan	Toyama Maru	April 29.
Shanghai and Swatow	Tusima Maru	April 29.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco	Pan American Airways Plane	April 30.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjinogara	April 30.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 26th April.	Imperial Airways Plane	May 1.
Calcutta and Straits	Kumsang	May 1.
Shanghai	Hector	May 1.
Singapore	Lnos	May 2.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 30th March).	Tatuta Maru	May 2.
Straits	Van Heutz	May 2.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Swatow, Chuanchow and Foochow, Seistan	Fri., Apr. 28, 3.00 p.m.	
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and Air France	Fri., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.	
France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"	Reg. Apr. 28, 5 p.m.	
	Ord. Apr. 28, 5.30 p.m.	
	G.P.O.	
	Reg. Apr. 28, 5 p.m.	
	Ord. Apr. 28, 7 p.m.	
Amoy and Shanghai	Taiyuan	Fri., Apr. 28, 7 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, British m.v. Canton	Reg. Fri., Apr. 28, 7 p.m.	
Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe	G. F. O. and K. F. O.	
via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 26th May.	Reg. Apr. 28, 5 p.m.	
	Ord. Apr. 28, 10.30 a.m.	

Manila, Australia and New Zealand Kitano Maru Sat., Apr. 29, via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 11th May.

Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways British m.v. Canton" Sat., Apr. 29, 9.30 a.m. Direct Service—due Amsterdam, 9th May.

Swatow Sat., Apr. 29, 9.30 a.m. Reg. Sat., Apr. 29, 10 a.m. Ord. Sat., Apr. 29, 10.30 a.m. G.P.O. and K.F.O.

Haiphong Sat., Apr. 29, 10.30 a.m. Reg. Sat., Apr. 29, 1 p.m. Ord. Sat., Apr. 29, 1 p.m. G.P.O. and K.F.O.

Manila and Naples—due Naples, Conte Biancamano Sat., Apr. 29, 4.30 p.m. Reg. Sat., Apr. 29, 5 p.m. Ord. Sat., Apr. 29, 5 p.m. G.P.O.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Hono- Pan American Airways Plane Sat., Apr. 29, 5 p.m. Reg. Sat., Apr. 29, 5 p.m. Ord. Sat., Apr. 29, 5 p.m. G.P.O. and K.F.O.

Japan Mon., May 1, 7 p.m. Reg. Mon., May 1, 7 p.m. Ord. Mon., May 1, 7 p.m. G.P.O.

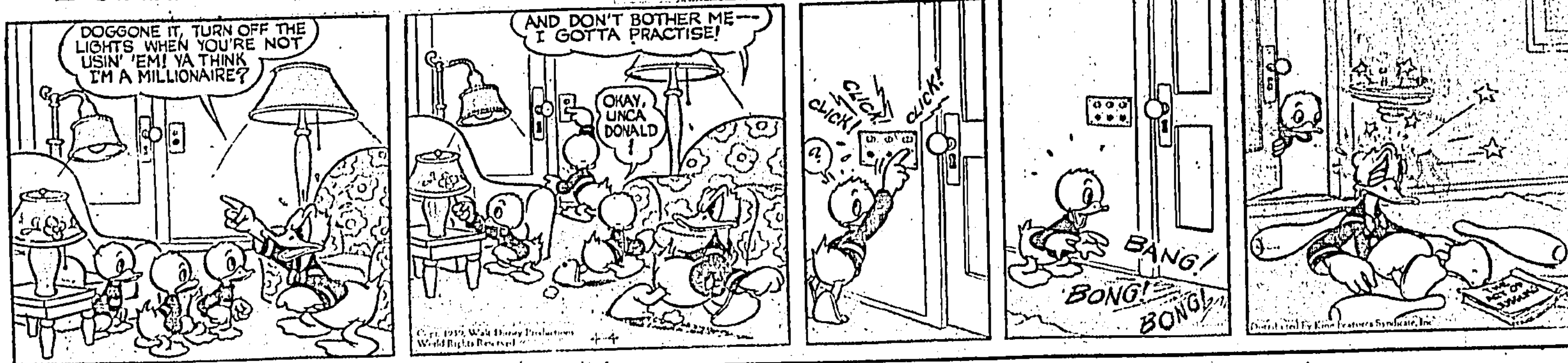
Swatow Sun., Apr. 30, 9 a.m. Reg. Sun., Apr. 30, 9 a.m. Ord. Sun., Apr. 30, 9 a.m. G.P.O.

Haiphong Mon., May 1, 2 p.m. Reg. Mon., May 1, 2 p.m. Ord. Mon., May 1, 2 p.m. G.P.O.

Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Aus- Imperial Airways Plane Mon., May 1, 5 p.m. Reg. Mon., May 1, 5 p.m. Ord. Mon., May 1, 5 p.m. G.P.O. and K.F.O.

Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya Tues., May 2, 8.30 a.m. Reg. Tues., May 2, 10.30 a.m. Ord. Tues., May 2, 12.30 p.m. G.P.O. and K.F.O.

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EUGENICS LEAGUE

Steady Growth Related At Meeting

That the Eugenics League did not try to solve the poverty problem by means of birth control but upheld the right of parents to decide the number of children they should have by giving them advice was stressed by Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke at the annual general meeting of the League, held at Alexandra Buildings, yesterday.

Prof. Gordon King was in the chair, and after referring to how the League came to be founded, he said: "There has been a steady growth in the amount of work undertaken by the League. It was soon found that the clinic in the Violet Peel Health Centre did not meet the whole need, and consequently a second clinic has been in operation during the past year at the Kowloon Maternity and Child Welfare Centre. Plans have now been made for the opening of a third clinic in the Tsan Yuk Hospital."

Attendance at the clinics has shown a satisfactory increase during the first three years of the League's existence as shown by the following figures: 1936-1937, 135 patients and 199 attendances; 1937-1938, 284 patients; 1938-1939, 331 patients and 470 attendances.

The League is now adequately equipped with personnel and clinic facilities, and is in a position to deal with a considerable increase in the numbers of patients attending the clinics. The most important task ahead is to make the services of the clinics known and to encourage the

attendance of those mothers who are in need of the advice and the help which the clinics can give.

Patients' Records

To me as a newcomer to the League, it has been a matter of interest to look over in some detail the medical and social records of the patients who have attended the clinics during the past year. Counting the attendances at both the Violet Peel and the Kowloon clinics there was a total of 470 visits paid by 331 patients. A full medical and social history was taken of each patient, followed by a careful routine examination. Not infrequently some unsuspected cause of ill health was found during the examination, and the patient referred elsewhere for appropriate treatment. A special effort has been made to follow up all cases, and there has been a great improvement in the number of cases returning for further examination, since the appointment of a trained social worker in December 1938.

Several interesting facts have emerged from a study of the 331 patients. The average age of the patients is slightly over 31. The number of patients attending the clinics has already had six children, although only four have survived. Of the children born alive over 20 per cent. died during in-

fancy. Turning to the economic side of the picture, it is easy to see at a glance through records that the clinic is attracting the type of patient for whom it was intended. Only a small minority of the patients (less than 20 per cent.) have a family income of more than \$100 a month. In the great majority of cases the income is considerably below the \$100 level, the actual average figure being \$32.30. Many patients whose husbands are unemployed are included among the figures, and for the most part these women, and others who are unable to afford any payment receive free treatment and advice. The fact still remains, however, that a large section of the population of the Colony, living on the lowest level of necessity, is almost entirely out of reach of the propaganda of the League. This is the social problem which constitutes the real problem of birth control in Hongkong and in China, for whilst its need for the knowledge of birth control is greatest, its ability to carry out even the simplest of measures is almost totally limited by ignorance and apathy.

Eugenics Defined

Finally, I should like to urge that we do not allow ourselves to adopt any narrow or restricted definition of the term "Eugenics." The Oxford English Dictionary defines the word "Eugenics" as "The science which has for its object the production of fine offspring." Eugenics has its positive as well as its negative aspects, and it is essentially the positive which must prevail in the long run. A full programme for a League such as ours should include facilities for pre-marital examination and advice, adequate ante-natal, intra-natal and post-natal care for the mother, as well as follow-up work for the child in the Infant Welfare Clinic. Other organisations already exist, and indeed are working side by side with us, which have ante-natal care and infant welfare work as their special object. The particular contribution which our own League is making to a well rounded programme is the provision of facilities for an important part of ante-natal care, namely the provision of information and advice as to how spacing and limitation of the family may be planned by the parents. In this way we believe that a large amount of human misery may be avoided, a great waste of unborn and infant life may be prevented, and a contribution made to Eugenics in the widest sense of the term.

The Joint Hon. Secretary, Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke said that with a view to obtain better results in attendance of patients at the clinics, a memorandum had been issued to Chinese medical officers, as they were constantly in contact with the poor mother, who was the person the League was most anxious to serve. Arrangements had also been made whereby sisters at Chinese hospitals were to receive instructions as to the methods of birth control at the clinics so that they in turn might be able to explain exactly what the function of birth control was.

Policy of League

Referring to a letter signed "O.E.B." which appeared recently in the S. C. M. Post and which suggested that the League was trying to solve the poverty problem by means of birth control instead of by economic means, Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke pointed out that the policy of the League was voluntary parenthood. "We believe," she said, "knowledge of birth control to be the right of every section of the community. We believe that parents, for the sake of their own position and economic status may be, have the right to decide how many children they should have and how they should space their families."

Continuing, Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke said that the National Birth Control Association of Great Britain, like the Hongkong Eugenics League, sponsored birth control clinics for one particular section of the community because it was that section that had a possibility of getting information through the organisation of clinics. The upper or middle classes could obtain the information they required from the medical practitioner or specialist, and it was for the poor mothers who wanted to know how to space their families that the League served. The League, therefore, did not put birth control forward as a solution or poverty, but to sponsor clinics in order to serve that section of the community who could not afford to pay for the information they wanted, and who had every right to decide the number of children they should have.

The importance of small subscribers was stressed by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Joint Hon. Treasurer, who said that while the generous donations that had been made were gratifying, he would like to see a wider basis of support among the subscribers. He would like to see 100 subscribers of \$2 than 20 of \$20, because this would ensure the future income of the League. It was the small subscribers who must in the long run be the main support of the League, and he would

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12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 Simon Barer at the Piano.
"Islamie" Oriental Fantasia (Bolalikrev); Sonetto No. 104 Del Petrarca

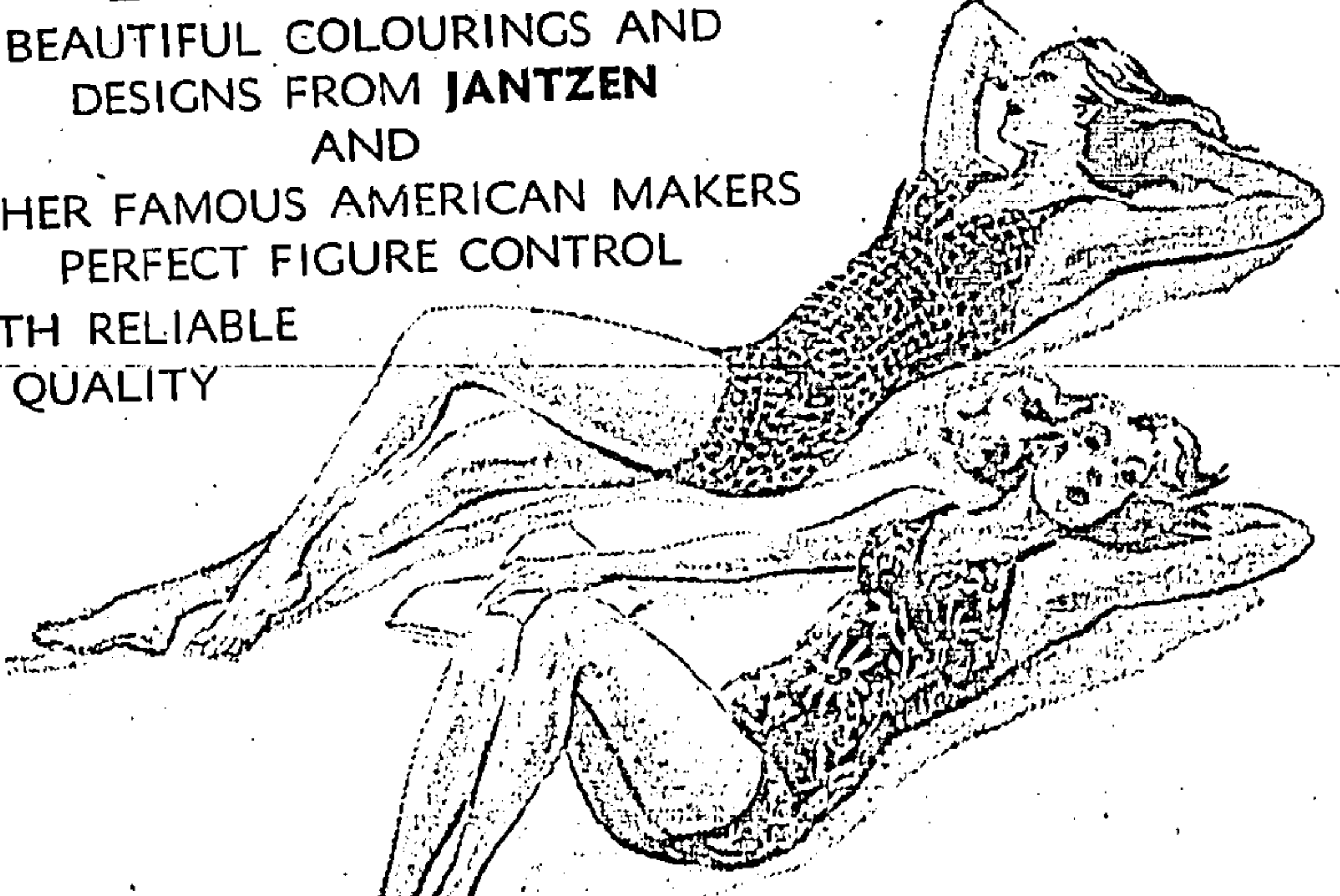
(from 'Annees de Pelerinage'—Liszt).
12.45 Liszt—Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1 and No. 3.
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1..... Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Prof. Herman Abendroth; Hungarian Rhapsody No. 3..... Grand Symphony Orchestra.

1.00 Time and Weather.
1.03 Roy Fox and His Orchestra with Elsie Carlisle (Vocal).
There's A Gold Mine In The Sky—Fox-Trot; True Confession—Fox-Trot (from the film).... Roy Fox and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Denny Dennis; So Many Memories (Woods).... Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) with Orchestra; The Cross-Eyed Cowboy On The Cross-Eyed Horse—Fox-Trot; Silvery Moon And Golden Sands—Fox-Trot.... Roy Fox and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Denny Dennis; Proud Of You (David); Everyone Must Have A Sweetheart (Hart-Grundland).... Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) with Orchestra; Souvenir Of Love—Fox-Trot (from the film 'Sailing Along').... Roy Fox and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Denny Dennis.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.
1.40 Dvorak—Quintet In A Major, Op. 81.
Arthur Schnabel (Piano) and The Pro Arte Quartet.
2.15 Close Down.
6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.
(a) Two Dreams got together; (b) Stop! Beating around the Mulberry Bush; (c) Heart and Soul; (d) Don't cross your fingers.
6.14 Records: "On The Beach At Ball-Ball (Mackall-Silver); I Met My Waterloo (Hoswell-Schwartz).... Connie Boswell (Vocal) with Bob Crosby and His Orchestra.
6.21 (a) One Song; (b) It Dreams come true; (c) Love is where you find it; (d) A-Tisket A-Tasket.
6.35 Records: "Black; Dance Of The Raindrops (Evans); Rudy Starita (Xylophone) with Piano and Saxophone; "The King Steps Out"—Waltz Medley.... The Keyboarders (Two Pianos and Drums).
6.44 (a) Cowboy and the Lady; (b) I found my Yellow Basket; (c) Confession! (d) China Town.
7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.02 B.B.C. Recording—"Songs From The Showa."
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Cost: Anona Winn; Olive Groves; Reginald Purdell; George Baker and The B.B.C. Revue Chorus and the Orchestra conducted by Leslie Woodgale.
8.00 Time, Weather and Announcements.
8.03 Studio—Champlin and Cassidy back again.
8.15 Folk Music.
Dark Eyes (Russian Gipsy Air).... Rode and His Tziganes; Le Fena (film 'Violettes Imperiales'); Gitana (film 'Prado and Romero').... Raquel Meller (Vocal) with Barcelona Municipal Orchestra. (In Spanish); Scandinavian Dances; (n) Swedish Schottische; (b) Toast To King Gustav; (c) Rospigiospolka.... Folk Dance Orchestra conducted by Victor Olof.
8.30 London Relay—Gold—English Native Amateur Championship.
An account of the morning's play from Birkdale Golf Course, Southport.
8.45 Studio—Concert by Helen Lockhart (Contralto) and E. O'Neill Shaw (Piano).
1. Heit and Air from "Theodora".
2. Sweet Rose and Lily (Handel); 3. Sunday (Brahms); 4. Maria Wiegand (Max Reger).... Helen Lockhart accompanied by E. O'Neill Shaw; 5. None but the Lonely Heart (Tchaikovsky); 6. The Coquette (Perpoules); 7. Helen Lockhart accompanied by E. O'Neill Shaw; 8. Marie (Franz); 9. Thou'rt Like a Lovely Flower (Cantor); 10. The Sweetest Flower that Blows (Hawley).... Helen Lockhart accompanied by E. O'Neill Shaw.
9.15 London Relay—"The News."
9.30 London Relay—More Food for Thought!
9.45 London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.
9.50 Next week's programme.
9.55 Mozart—"The Magic Flute" Act I.
Singers in order of appearance: Rowenango; Scheppan; Maiters; Berglund; Rusch; Sohn; Berger; Tessmer; Lemaitre; Belko; Spittler; Grossmann; Strienzen Chorus with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.
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Q: Is the Congress Library also the most important?
A: No. The distinction is held by the British Museum Library, followed closely by the Bibliotheque Nationale, the State Library of France.
Q: How many volumes and manuscripts are there in the British Museum Library?
A: More than 4,000,000. The French State library contains about 4,500,000 items.

Mexico American Machinations Feared

Mexican City, Apr. 27.
The entire Mexican press yesterday published a "secret" document revealing the plans of the United States to buy up the Isthmus of Tehuantepec for canal building.
The newspaper "Ultimas Noticias" warns of the dangers arising from the scheme for Mexico, recalling the shady story of the Panama Canal construction and that Columbia had to pay for it.
The paper declares that giving up of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec would be tantamount to losing sovereignty over strategically very important territory, as well as to receiving a national humiliation.—Trans-Ocean.

MINE DISASTER Sixteen Killed by Blast In Japanese Pit

Tokyo, Apr. 27.
Sixteen miners were killed and 14 are missing as a result of a gas explosion in a coal mine at Yubari, Hokkaido, this morning.
The explosion occurred 2,000 metres below the surface, 200 metres being at work in the pit, of whom 260 succeeded in extricating themselves.
It is recalled that a similar disastrous explosion occurred in this mine last autumn.
A Mukden message says that the death toll due to the gas explosion at Fushun coal mine yesterday totals six Japanese and 20 Manchukuoans. Quoting an announcement by the mine administration, the message attributes the disaster to the release of a large column of fire-damp as a result of blasting operations.—Domei.

Therefore like members to assure their friends that a subscription of 12 was by no means despatched.
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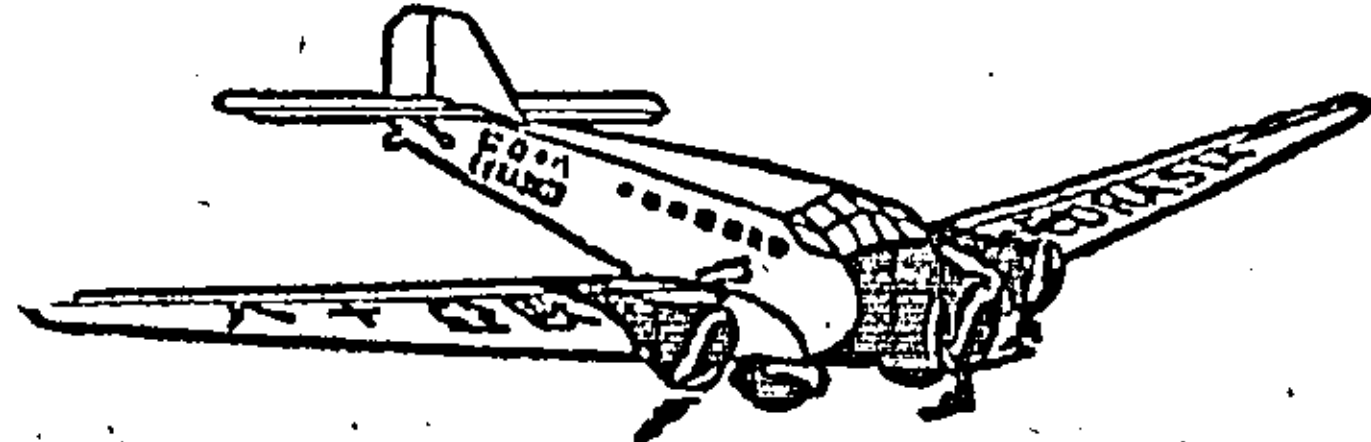
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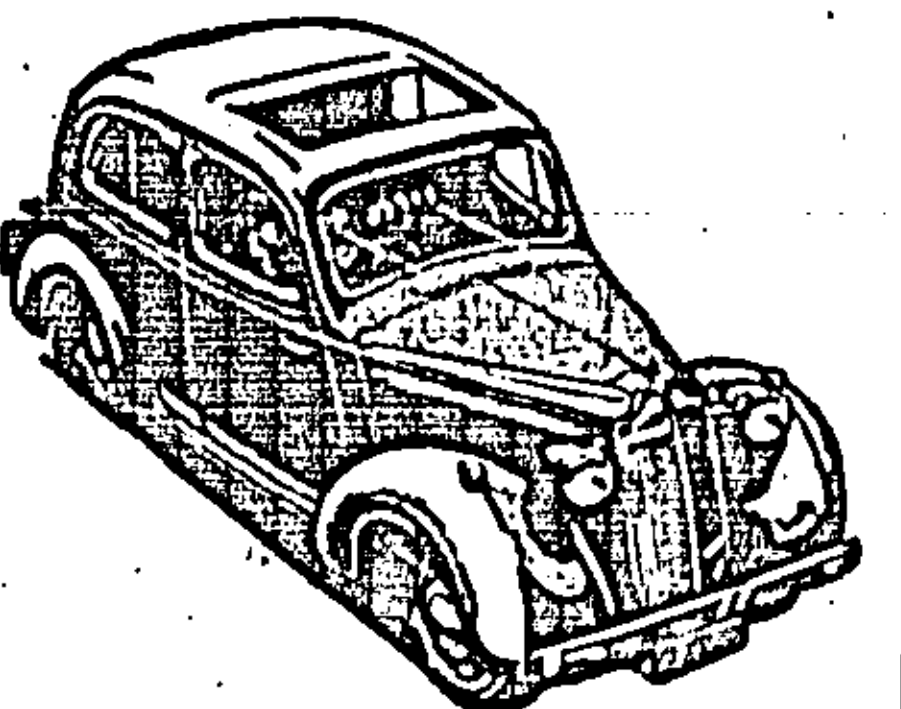
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One Man's Word

BY TO-MORROW morning the world will know whether world peace is again to be threatened by the refusal of the German Fuehrer to give the guarantees of non-aggression, against 31 nations requested by President Roosevelt.

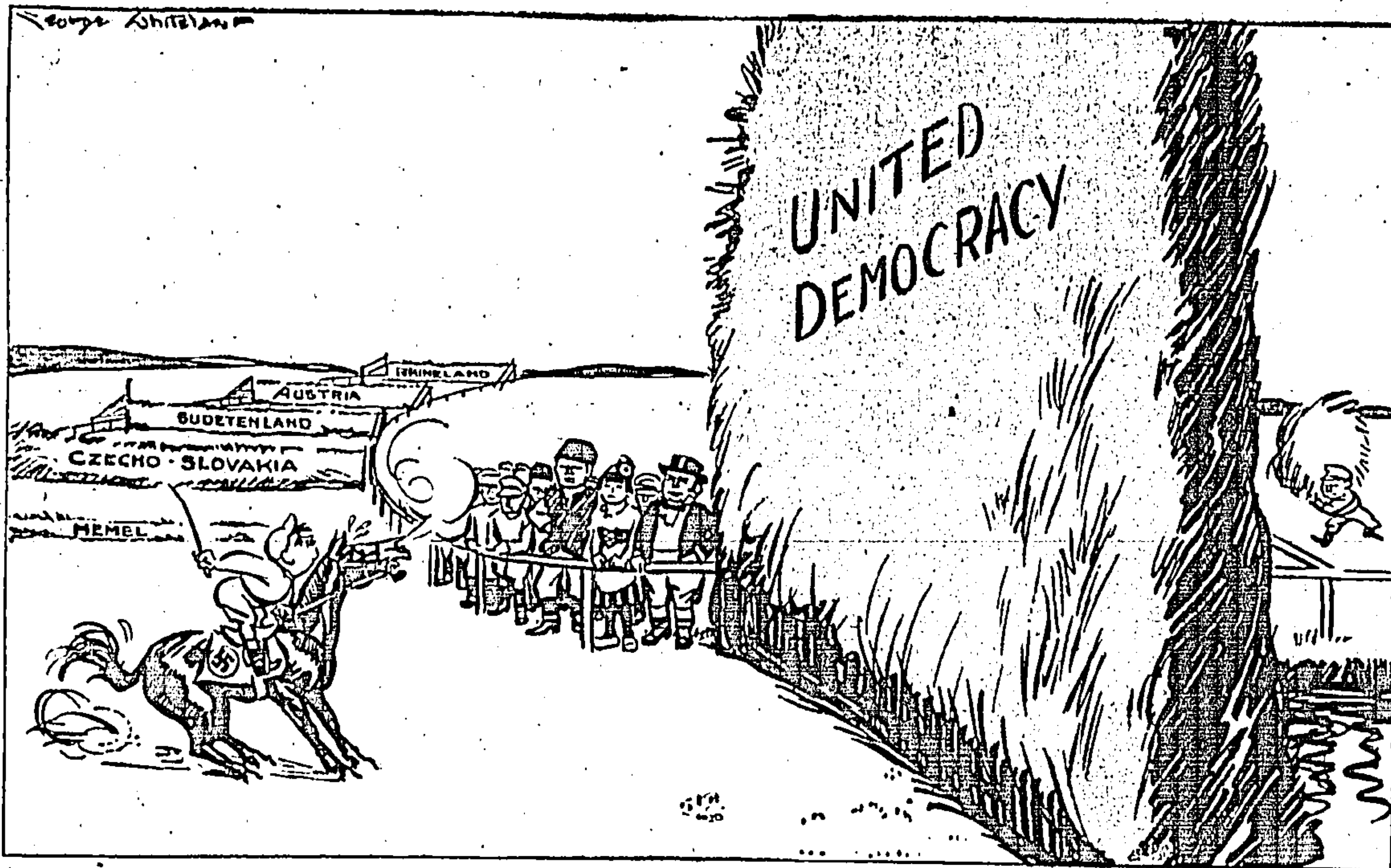
President Roosevelt had presented the two totalitarian dictators with a simple issue, requiring a simple answer. Herr Hitler is at liberty to call the American President a "dangerous enemy of civilisation", to denounce British imperialism and to storm against the iniquities of democracy. The whole world will concede him the right to an opinion regarding Bolshevism—he may publicly announce that he sees in British Conscription another threat to German security.

The world does not want to hear these tirades, but it will accept them.

What the world wants to hear is a direct "yes" or "no" to President Roosevelt's question: "Are you willing to give assurances that your armed forces will not be used in future to attack Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Spain, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg Poland, Rumania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Soviet Russia, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Iraq, the Arabias, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Iran, Eire, Holland, Belgium, Great Britain, France or Portugal?"

That is a simple straightforward question, requiring a straightforward answer.

The answer can come from one man, and one man only. He can, if he so desires, speak the word that will relieve the tension of the situation and ease an approach to that enduring peace in Europe for which he has so often expressed his personal longing. Just as certainly he can swing the balance towards a war of which no man can limit the scope. To rant and temporise, to give an indirect answer, would be to intensify the strain to which Europe is now subjected and increase the danger that some unanticipated incident might



CAN HE GET OVER THIS ONE?

IF BRITAIN WERE ATTACKED—2

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worth of security
this year

by Commdr
RUSSELL
GRENFELL

Second in a series of articles on Britain's defensive forces and the strategic preoccupations of their commanders. Commander Grenfell, a leading authority on naval strategy, was formerly on the teaching staff of the Royal Naval College at Greenwich. Advocates more commissions from the lower deck and better conditions of pay and service all round for naval ratings.

round each convoy had to be placed enough escorting warships to give a fair chance of hampering the submarine in making its attack, and of having a man-of-war in a reasonably good position to drop its depth charges, from whichever direction the submarine made its approach. The great volume of British shipping requiring anti-submarine protection caused a large number of destroyers, sloops and other small craft to be employed on that duty.

During the height of the German submarine campaign, we had about 250 of these vessels on convoy escort work in the Channel, the North Sea, and the waters north and south of Ireland; while there were about another 100 in the Mediterranean.

★ UNFORTUNATELY, large numbers of these were broken up after the war, and we can only produce about 130 as compared with the 350 employed in Home Waters and the Mediterranean last time. There are many who view this deficiency with grave concern, especially as the addition of air to submarine attack has intensified the protective problem.

In addition to direct protection against raiders, steps have to be taken to prevent an enemy's main fighting fleet from taking a hand in the game. That is to say, his battleships and whatever cruisers, destroyers, and aircraft carriers they may have with them. These have to be matched by a watching fleet of corresponding type but superior dimensions.

The strength needed for this purpose is therefore directly proportional to the battleship and auxiliary tonnage possessed by the other side. That is why we have had to keep pace with renewed battleship construction by Germany, Italy and Japan.

The provision of the necessary number of ships is, however, only half the battle. Rather less than half, in fact. For the men who man the ships are more important than the ships themselves. Good men in poor ships, as a famous naval historian has said, "will nearly always beat poor men in good ships."

The recruitment of sufficient personnel of the requisite quality is therefore of at least as much importance as the actual construction programmes. Except in certain skilled branches, the Navy is getting all the men it wants. The number of officers and men has increased from 90,000 to 133,000 in five years, though it is still 12,000 below the figure for July, 1914. Certain of the officer classes are not, however, coming forward in the numbers desired. The Admiralty's explanation is that the great demand for skilled men in industry is keeping the Navy short of carries, however, the obvious corollary that the naval conditions of skilled service are insufficiently attractive.

★ THE demand for a rapid increase of numbers is almost more difficult to meet in the case of the officers than in that of the men, chiefly owing to the limited accommodation in the training colleges.

Having filled these to capacity, the Admiralty then turns to the Merchant Service, and a number of mercantile officers turned over to the Royal Navy.

This step, brought the natural criticism that in thus ignoring its own non-commissioned ranks, the Admiralty was betraying its oft-repeated declarations in favour of promotion from the Lower Deck.

It is therefore satisfactory that a recent Admiralty order should have announced a considerable increase of numbers to be drawn from this latter source.

THIS year's naval estimates amount to £147,779,000. An increase of about £22,500,000 over 1938, and about three times the naval estimates of seven or eight years ago.

It is an expensive business to build up the fleet after it has been allowed to decline below the danger point. At the end of the war we possessed 40 capital ships, 110 cruisers, and more than 600 destroyers, sloops and patrol boats; these last three classes being most needed for protecting our shipping against the submarine.

Our naval security seemed to complete after the surrender of the German fleet in 1918 that in the following years we broke up 36 capital ships, 60 cruisers, and more than 500 destroyers, sloops and patrol boats. It was one of the greatest pieces of mass destruction in our naval history.

★ THE general European rearmament has shown us that our action was over-hasty, and though in the last few years we have been making strenuous efforts to refill the gaping ranks of our men-of-war, we can so far produce no more than 15 capital ships, 58 cruisers, 200 destroyers, sloops and patrol boats, in addition to aircraft carriers, submarines, gunboats and auxiliaries.

There are, however, nine capital ships, 25 cruisers, 38 destroyers, 22 sloops, six carriers, 20 submarines building or projected; some of which will be delivered this year, some not until 1942 or 1943.

We need a powerful fleet for two very good reasons. One is to keep an invader away from these shores, and the other is to ensure the steady supply of imported food and raw materials upon which the country has become increasingly dependent during the last hundred years.

Invasion is a very distant peril, so long as we retain the command of the sea. Large numbers of soldiers were retained in this country in the last war to guard against a German raid, estimated at a possible strength of 70,000 men.

Such a raid was about as unlikely as anything could be. Consider what it would have meant. The transports required for the carrying of such a force would have numbered about 100 to 120.

★ TO effect a simultaneous landing and to simplify naval protection, the whole of this mass of shipping would have had to sail in one huge convoy, protected by the High Seas Fleet.

The concentration of such a vast expedition would have been exceedingly difficult, and if the Grand Fleet had come across it on its way, it would have suffered a disaster without parallel in the history of the world.

For either 70,000 German soldiers would have been drowned in the North Sea or they would have ignominiously followed the Grand Fleet into harbour as captives.

And if invasion was a remote danger in the last war, it is even more so now that aircraft have immensely increased the possibilities of scouting and observation.

Far more difficult is the Navy's task of protecting the merchant shipping on which the feeding of the population and the activity of our industries depend. The chief trouble is that whereas invasion can only take place somewhere on the comparatively limited coastal areas, the attack on our world-wide shipping can be made at any point on any of the trade routes all over the world.

In the last war, for instance, shipping was attacked in the Indian Ocean by the Emden, in the South Atlantic by the Karlsruhe, off the coasts of Africa and in the Eastern Seas by the disguised raiders, and in the Mediterranean and the seas round the British Isles by the U-boats.

So dispersed an attack naturally calls for an equally dispersed defence, which is why the Admiralty is always so persistent in its call for cruisers. For, like hounds in search of a fox which has been cutting the chickens, it always takes a number of ships to find one raider.

★ WE had about twenty cruisers chasing the Emden, and something for Von Spee's Far Eastern Squadron of five.

What makes even greater demands on the defending Navy is submarine warfare against commerce.

For protection against this invisible danger in the last war our merchant shipping had to be put into convoy and



TACT

THE map on the right is published in Schwarze Corps, newspaper of Hitler's Black Guards. The white area indicates the eastern section of the first "German Empire" between 1250 and 1400 A.D. It purports to justify Hitler's conquests in "re-erecting the old historical boundaries."

The map is cut off so that it does not show how much of Mussolini's Italy is "historically" German.

On the left a sketch map completes the picture.

HITLER SPEECH

MAY END NAVAL PACT

LONDON, Apr. 28. INFORMED CIRCLES believe that Herr Hitler may denounce the Anglo-German Naval Pact in his Reichstag speech to-night, as Germany's reply to the British conscription measure.

It has been learned from official sources in Washington that the United States will officially ignore any reference to Roosevelt's peace plea which Hitler may make in his speech.

It is considered in official circles that the Reichstag speech will not constitute an official reply to the President's telegram—United Press.

Britain Would Save Five Battleships

If Hitler denounces the Anglo-German Naval Treaty Britain will be released from the obligation to scrap five 30,000-ton, fifteen-inch-gun battleships of the Royal Sovereign class.

Germany has already been notified that the Admiralty intend to scrap two of these battleships.

This has been done in accordance with the little-known arrangement in the Anglo-German Naval Treaty by which Britain agreed that the German naval building programme would provide for gradual additions to the fleet up to 1942.

The British replacement programme (which could not begin until 1937 under the Washington Treaty) is also to be spread over several years, the last of the new battleships not coming into service until 1943.

Built During War

In return for the promise to scrap the five ships of the Royal Sovereign class, Germany agreed not to build two new warships.

The Royal Sovereign class are the Royal Oak, Resolution, Ramilies, and Revenge. All were built during the war. Each one has been refitted in the last ten years, the total cost being more than £10,000,000.

They carry eight 15-inch guns, twelve 6-inch guns, eight 4-inch anti-aircraft guns, four torpedo tubes, and more than twenty light guns and multiple machine guns. Their speed is 23 knots.

All are superior to any existing German battleship, in gun-power and armour.

The Royal Sovereigns would not be needed in line of battle in the event of war. They would be the guardians of Britain's food convoys. "No raiding cruiser," Mr. Churchill has said, "would dare to come within range of their 15-inch guns."

Will Refuse To Consider Speech

Washington, Apr. 27. President Roosevelt will refuse to consider Herr Hitler's speech as a reply to his appeal, according to high quarters.

The official attitude is that the President expects a written reply to a written appeal in accordance with diplomatic procedure, and there will therefore be no official American comment on Hitler's speech—Reuter.

Mussolini Silent

Rome, Apr. 27. The Italian answer to President Roosevelt's message will not be communicated, it was reported this evening.

The recent speech of Signor Mussolini, and the Reichstag address by Herr Hitler will provide a sufficient reply, it was declared—Trans-Ocean.

Attacks On Britain

Berlin, Apr. 27. On the eve of Hitler's speech the German Press has redoubled its attacks on Britain.

One authoritative source asserted that relations are now close to a war-time basis.

The "Nacht Aus Gabe" says "England believes herself to be less in a state of peace than in a state of war with regard to Germany."

The English Government within the last few days has been so talkative that there can be no doubts as to its intentions.

Other papers ridicule British conscription as "bluff"—United Press.

NO OBJECTION

Conscripting Southern Irishmen in England

London, Apr. 27. Political circles here stated yesterday that the Government of Eire has no intention to make difficulties against calling to the colours under the new military conscription law of Irishmen living in England.

It is pointed out in Dublin that this friendly gesture would hardly have been possible a year ago.

It is estimated that between 1932 and 1938 more than 220,000 men from Southern Ireland emigrated to England, 90 per cent of whom are between 18 and 45 years of age—Trans-Ocean.

FRANK STATEMENT IN HOUSE OF LORDS

"THE POSSIBILITY of hostilities with the greatest military Power the world has ever known," was the basis of the Government argument in favour of Conscription in the House of Lords.

Lord Maugham, the Government spokesman, made unusually frank comments regarding the danger of an attack from Germany.

The measure was approved without dissent—United Press.

Opposition Criticism

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to prevent war and to defeat aggression, should it arise.

Against Rule of Force

"The Labour movement has consistently stood against the rule of force; far more consistently than the Government."

Mr. Attlee complained that it was not until the last moment was there any consultation with the Unions. In the background of conscription, there was the danger of industrial disruption. He believed the definite pledge by the Government and they had thrown themselves into the organisation of voluntary service on the strength of that pledge.

Referring to the selection of age limits, Mr. Attlee said it was not a right allocation of man-power to use the very young. All the men wanted for manning the anti-aircraft defences could be got from ex-soldiers and ex-naval ratings. The real trouble experienced by the Secretary of War had been that he was hampered all through by the reluctance of the Government to appoint a Ministry of Supply. It was supply we wanted more than man-power.

Conscription Of Wealth

Amid Opposition cheers, Mr. Attlee complained that Mr. Chamberlain had not dealt with the conscription of wealth, and he said something should be done about the possession of unnecessary luxuries.

Mr. Attlee added that the Trade Unions were apprehensive because the might lead to industrial conscription.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Liberal leader followed, and he emphasised the effect the British efforts would have on foreign countries like the United States and Russia.

He declared that we must make it clear to Frenchmen that we make a contribution fully proportionate to our population, resources, and responsibility.

World's Biggest Fleet

He would tell France that we are contributing the greatest fleet and one of the greatest air forces in the world, as well as an expeditionary force of 500,000, with reserves to make it at least 1,000,000, while in the event of war our allies would draw on our munition factories and finance.

He was firmly convinced of the merits of the voluntary system.

"The reason which the Government didn't and couldn't give for the departure is that it cannot get men without conscription. The men are coming so fast that we shan't be able to equip them for months. If circumstances ever imposed a departure from the voluntary system, let compulsion be applied, and not only to boys of 20."

Churchill's Speech

Mr. Winston Churchill's speech in the conscription debate was illuminated with customary graphic illustrations.

Dealing with the assumption that the issue should be submitted to an election, he said that "he had no doubt the Government would win, but we should have a new Parliament, deeply bitter, with a large minority of the nation worked up into burning anti-Government opposition."

If the Opposition won, and established the principle of no compulsory military service, the whole resistance in Europe to Nazi domination would collapse.

As an illustration of the French feelings on the subject, Mr. Churchill said: "Although it is highly improbable, let us suppose Gibraltar is attacked by German ships next week. Two million Frenchmen would, in a few days, stand under enemy fire."

Later, Mr. Churchill expressed appreciation of the steps taken on its merits purely as a British measure, and not as an after comment on Hitler's speech.

Hitler's Utterances

"I do not attach particular importance to that speech. If Herr Hitler utters menacing it does not make the situation worse than it appears on the actual facts. If he utters reassurances I, for one, will not believe them until they are confirmed by deeds. If he utters more abuse, why should we pay attention to it? We pay too much attention to the dictators' speeches, and too little study to their marshalling of forces, and the spreading of their authority which is continually going on."

Supreme Pledge

Mr. Churchill forebore to recapitulate the successive conversions of the Government during the last six weeks (laughter) but he strongly

defended the Prime Minister on the score of good faith.

The supreme pledge which is tacitly given by anyone holding the first office of State is to act in accordance with what he believes to be national needs and safety.

He agreed with the danger of Nazi propaganda about "England fighting to the last Frenchman." The French do not easily understand the deep prejudices of the British against militarism and the historic attachment to the voluntary system.

Although our contribution would be great, it was not of the same kind as expected from France the first day war began, and the rise of feeling in France in recent weeks was a fact which no British Government could afford to neglect.

It was declared that European problems were solved by calling up 200,000 youths of 20. Several classes should be involved in the scope of the measure. The Government's measures would have a direct influence on the hopes of preserving peace, and anyone who votes against them must do so with grave compunction and a sense of responsibility. (Cheers)

Military Necessity

Mr. L. S. Amery declared that sheer military necessity forced the present proposal on the Government. Answering opposition criticism, Mr. Amery asked, if it was right to take men compulsorily in confusion and a hurry after the war had started, why it was wrong to take them in order and systematically, and give them a chance of preparing themselves for service.

He hoped the Opposition would refrain from casting a vote which would be misunderstood by friends abroad and give an unpleasant satisfaction to our opponents.

In this matter the nation, he thought, was far ahead of the Government, and of the Opposition.

Totalitarianism

Mr. E. G. Hicks (Lab) who is a member of the Trades Union Council expressed the opinion that conscription was the basis of Totalitarianism. He declined to believe that the voluntary system had broken down.

"We love our country as Hitler or they started to attack this country," he declared.

Mr. A. Duff-Cooper regretted that a division was to be taken on the motion. They had not heard any violent denunciation of the principle they were discussing.

Mr. Duff-Cooper, who returned from Paris this morning, said the effect of Mr. Chamberlain's announcement there was electric.

Mr. George Lansbury in a pacifist speech, declared that conscription would give the Government a weapon to destroy the workers' economic claims.

Convert To Conscription

Sir H. Page Croft, who confessed himself a recent convert to conscription, said that trained reserves were necessary if you were not going to have the military machine brought to a standstill within two months of the commencement of war.

The last big Labour gun was Mr. Arthur Greenwood, who said he would utter no word which would give encouragement to any dictator. He denied there was any real change in the situation since the Premier gave his pledge.

Floundering About

Mr. Greenwood criticised the Government's foreign policy as floundering about, clutching one straw after another. Britain, he said, was in some way regarding the chances of the help she should bring to a common problem. It was no reflection that this island kingdom, with its far-flung dominions and colonies had fully appreciated.

With our other responsibilities we could not be expected to provide an army on the Continent. If the territorial army continued to list at the present rate for a few months, there would be as many volunteers as the net proceeds of the Government's conscript measure.

Actually Mr. Chamberlain's recruitment might be a minus quantity. "British Labour warns potential aggressors that it will fight for and keep its freedom, but it won't go into battle with a Government which is so afraid of the spirit of our people that it must compel a very narrow section of the people."

Military Balance Sheet

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, concluding the debate, gave a military balance sheet. The actual number in the regular army was 204,000 compared with an establishment of 224,000. The territorial army was 267,000 compared with an establishment of 325,000. The anti-aircraft army was 80,000 compared with an establishment of 99,000. Recruits came in during April, at the rate of 2,000 daily. The number of men engaged annually under the new scheme would mean that approximately the strength of the regular army would be maintained.

No voluntary scheme on a part time basis could secure so rapid an accretion of trained strength. Voluntary recruiting for the

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expressed. If they do, I am confident the country will be with me." (Ministerial cheers).

"With regard to the circumstances which constrained the Government to come to this momentous conclusion, surely it is not necessary to remind the House that ever since March 29, the situation has radically changed."

If, after March 29, we felt compelled to give that assurance to Poland, which was afterwards followed by similar assurances to Greece and Rumania, is there any member of the House who does not realise that by those assurances our liabilities were enormously increased? (Ministerial cheers).

Inspire Confidence

"Is there anyone who does not realise that the purpose of these assurances was primarily to prevent war, but that if they were to be effective, we must inspire confidence, not only in the countries to which we gave the assurances, but throughout Europe, that we meant to carry them through to the end. (Cheers)."

"We have seen doubts cast upon our determination as to whether we really did mean business, and evidence has been accumulating rapidly last week that these doubts were increasing."

The libe that Britain was ready to fight to the last French soldier has been handled about from capital to capital.

It has become clearer and clearer to us that the whole effort to build up a solid front against the idea of domination by force was being jeopardised by these doubts.

Belittling Intentions

"Yesterday, Mr. Lloyd George put a question about the number of men who would become available. I thought I detected in that question an intention to belittle what the Government was doing. It would be interesting to know whether Mr. Lloyd George is in favour of a larger measure of conscription, or whether he is against conscription altogether."

"It is important, in my judgment, not to belittle this great departure by this country from one of its most cherished traditions."

"I do not think one can read the papers and read extracts from the foreign press without realising that the statements of the Government, comfort, relief, and encouragement to all our friends in Europe."

"It would be a mistake to suppose that although the number of men affected in a single year is not large compared with the scale of the Continental armies, that from the military point of view this is not important."

Profits On Armaments

In indicating that the Government's efforts to prevent excessive profits on armaments had not been altogether successful, Mr. Chamberlain said: "There are obvious difficulties to be overcome, but the Chancellor and his advisers are now giving particular attention to devising the best plan to achieve the purpose, and it is to be hoped that his proposals will be laid before Parliament at an early date."

Referring to the impropriety in war time of increase in private fortunes created by the war, the Premier said that the view of the Government was that if war should come, taxes on the very wealthy which were already very high, must be further and substantially increased.

The Government felt that production, where established in war time, should be subjected to special penalties.

Levy On Money Hogs

He thought the subject could best be grappled by a levy on war time increases as suggested by the Select Committee of 1920, but which was not at the time proceeded with. Mr. Chamberlain concluded with an appeal to the Labour Party, whose fears and doubts respecting conscription, the Premier said, the Government had earnestly endeavoured to meet.

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that this limited measure was designed to meet immediate and temporary needs.

He added: "I do not want to give the idea that I think war is imminent. I appeal to the members opposite not to be hasty in taking an irrevocable decision which might create in other quarters doubts about our determination to play our part to the full."—Reuter.

territorial army would in no way be modified.

There was military necessity for the new scheme. It places a trained reserve of considerable proportion at the disposal of the regular army and enables us to keep our anti-aircraft defences permanently manned.

"We must continue to rely on the voluntary system for the regular army. It will be possible under the scheme to advance or retard the age in the case where a man's curricula would be hampered. That will cover the apprentice student."

Fairest System

"The only other obligation for those called up would be 30 drills and two or three weeks in camp for three and a half years."

"It is the fairest system that could be devised."

The establishment of a Ministry of Supply empowered to ensure priority of orders may be described as the conscription of industries. The principle of the conscription of wealth has long been accepted.

"The liberties of the individual cannot be allowed to imperil the liberties of the nation."

"There are fears among the Opposition, not so much of what is being done, as what may be done."

He gave them an assurance that the Government had no intention of conscripting labour.—Reuter.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 28, 1889. The Queen will review 100 vessels at Spithead in July on the occasion of the Emperor William's visit.

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25 YEARS AGO

April 28, 1914. A tenor singing at Brussels was heard by wireless telephony on the Eiffel Tower on March 20. The distance from the great steel structure by the Seine to Laeken, near Brussels, where the concert was in progress, is about 225 miles. This amazing result was obtained by a new Italian engineer, Signor Marzi, and is the crowning result of the experiments carried out during several weeks at the radio telegraphic station at Laeken.

A remarkable piracy involving, it is feared, the death of a European officer, the drowning of many Chinese, and the wounding of the Chief Engineer of the s.s. Tai On, took place yesterday evening off K. O. at the entrance of the West River. As a result the Tai On now lies a wreck at K. O. burned to the water's edge, while it is feared that as many as one hundred and forty lives have been lost.

10 YEARS AGO

April 28, 1929. The Duke of Gloucester will ride in at least three races at Happy Valley this afternoon, and there is a possibility that he will also ride in a fourth.

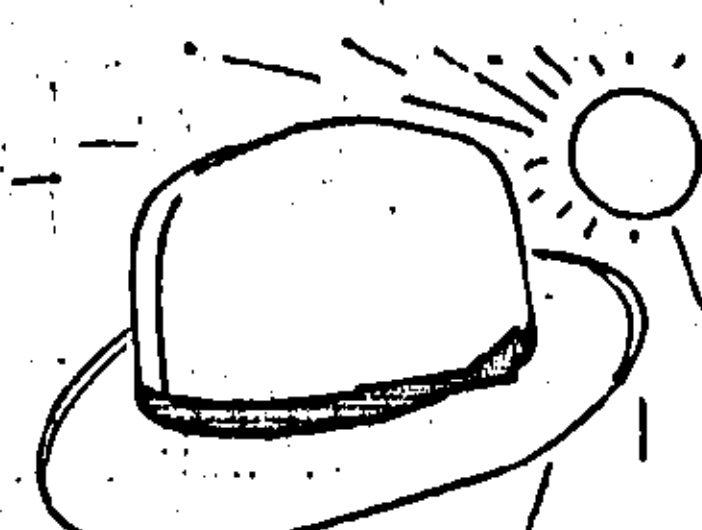
The departure of H.M.S. Suffolk has been delayed until 6 p.m. and the Duke expects to leave the race-course for Government House at about 4.15 p.m.

The following are the Duke's mounts for the afternoon:
Race 1:—Messrs. Hynes and Mackie's Pickle.
Race 2:—Messrs. Liang and Wong's O'Moon.
Race 3:—Mr. Ho Kom-long's Kom Tong Hall.

5 YEARS AGO

April 28, 1934. A foreign Office communiqué states, Signor Savich, accompanied by the Italian Ambassador, saw Sir John Simon and Sir Robert Vansittart at the House of Commons this afternoon, and the conversations between the representatives of the British and Italian Governments, which were opened yesterday, were carried on in a most friendly and harmonious spirit.

"Signor Savich's visit, which is so deeply appreciated in Britain, has served to promote the long established relations of friendship between this country and Italy and has contributed to Anglo-Italian co-operation in dealing with the many problems now facing the world."



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FAVOURITES LET PUBLIC DOWN BADLY

Rain And Wet Course Responsible For Many Upsets Last Saturday

BUT SPLENDID RACING PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS

(By "Captain Foster")

Racing has always many thrills to offer its devotees and there were of course many surprises at the Third Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club held last Saturday. In spite of the inclement weather the rain did not in any way dampen the enthusiasm of punters, for they were kept busy picking out the mudlarks, and the popping up of a few rank outsiders certainly enlivened the moot.

Favourites had a lean afternoon, the crash commencing from the opening event when the low carrier, Perfect Day, (138 lbs.) with Mr. S. W. Tang in the saddle, romped home first in the St. Kilda Handicap and paid out \$113.50 for a win. The end of a perfect day came when Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai piloted his own sub-griffin, National Service, in the last race, the Kongmun Stakes, a novice event over a course from the two mile post, to pay \$114.00—the biggest dividend of the day for a win. There were in addition many more "fat" pay outs.

The downfall of Cockleoi and Rose-Queen in the daily double event gave those 10 backers of the combination of Triumphant Day and Pinfarthings a return of \$672.50 for an outlay of \$5.

The soft going was in certain measure responsible for the many reversals of form, but full mark must be given to Mr. Li Lan-sang, China pony, Heicle View, who with the limit load of 168 lbs. on his back, annexed the Fatsan Handicap (first section) in 1:29.4. This was certainly a creditable performance for a griffin of this season. As the race progressed, the great track was badly cut up and the last race on the card was run in "slow march" time, the last quarter being 35 seconds for the home stretch of two furlongs.

MAJOR EVENT

The major event, the St. George's Plate, a handicap for China ponies, bona fide griffins was captured by Eve of Harvest, the property of Sir Victor Sassoon, who was not present to see the running of his steed. Mr. D. Black rode a great race on the winner. This was Sir Victor's second success, the first being in 1937 by Haver Eve piloted by Mr. Z. T. Fung. There were ten runners in the second-best field since the inception. The winner paid \$23.20 beating the hot favourite, Blue Express, by a head. Jennifer, who was third, was an eye-opener to many followers of the turf.

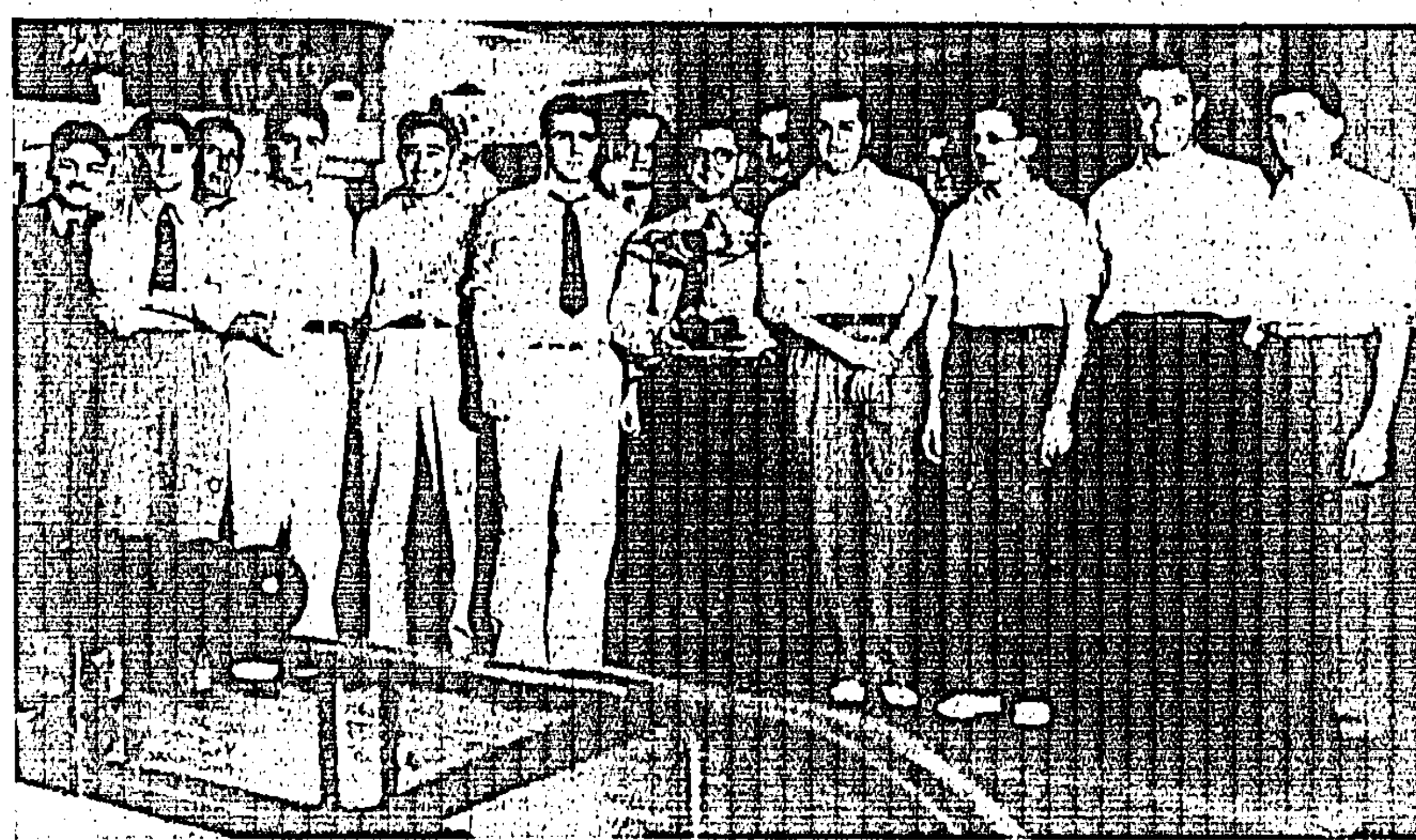
The success of Triumphant Day in the Broken Hill Handicap for Australian ponies of this season was a fine achievement and the pony, belonging to Messrs. Chan Brock and with the assistance of Mr. B. L. Tso annexed the classic in splendid manner. Considering the state of the going, coupled with the top weight burden of 165 lbs., Triumphant Day scored a great victory.

A Wonderful Come-Back By Perfect Day

After a sequence of 16 unplaced outings since May, 1937, Perfect Day staged a wonderful comeback in the St. Kilda Handicap over six furlongs and there was no fluke in the success either. It may not be known that his last win was in the Wallend Handicap over the mile course on May 29, 1937, on a soft going and therefore a note should be kept that Perfect Day is a good "mudder". The running of Twilght Star, who was second, came as a surprise and if he had crossed the wire first, the pony would have paid handsomely. Bredon who took the lead at the release of the tape, was going well until the bend was reached, but thereafter the mare pelted out and no doubt the heavy weight was responsible for her poor show.

CLOSE WIN FOR MOONLIGHT VIEW

Rob Roy was the only absentee in the Canton Handicap (first section) for China ponies "B" class and it seemed that the connections refused to send the steed out on account of the top weight; furthermore the race was over a distance. It was a good contest. Oak Bay jumped to the front when Mrs. Fells opened the gate and he was chased by Expansion Time, Humdrum Eve and the rest in the rear. Passing the judge's box for the first round, the same order of running was maintained, but Red Feather, with Mr. Black up, could not get going and no doubt Mrs. Dunbar's candidate was afraid to stretch out his legs on account of the slippery going, the pony finishing last about a hundred yards behind the field. Going up the rock Oak Bay, Expansion Time, New Star, Humdrum Eve and Moonlight View were well together but near the end the Tramways shed New Star displaced Expansion Time for second position and the field entered the straight like a cavalry charge on the move. Excitement ran high when Oak Bay, New Star and Expansion



Players and officials photographed at the Hongkong Bowling Alley on Wednesday evening when the final match in the Ewo League between the "Compellers" and the "Hongkong Wonders" was played. The handsome cup, which is retained by the "Wonders," can be seen in the centre of the picture in the hands of Mr. "Bill" Ramsey, who was the official announcer.—Staff Photographer.

SPLENDID FINISH TO MAIN RACE OF DAY

The President of the St. George's Society should be quite pleased with the turn-out of ten starters in the St. George's Plate, a handicap classic for China griffins of this season over the mile course. The biggest field since the inception of this race was in 1932 when 11 ponies weighed out and it was undoubtedly gratifying to see a field of ten runners last Saturday. This spoke highly of the confidence placed by the owners in the judicious distribution of the lead and Eve of Harvest who was allotted the limit, annexed the great plate for Sir Victor Sassoon by only a head. As predicted, Mr. Li Lan-sang reserved his griffin, Heicle View, another entry for a sprinting event and so did Mr. E. T. Fung with his Rose Emily. It was given to understand that Mr. Bradbury's Lillibear was under a cloud, but I have not been able to ascertain why Conquering Time refused to accept.

However it was strange that Eve of Harvest was made a second favourite, Mr. E. T. Fung's Blue Express being the punters' fancy, for Mr. Encarnacao always has a big public following, and Galaxy was third in the gambling list. Nearly all the ponies had a center up to the start, but Blue Express and Hyndford Bridge took the long route via the back stretch. There was some delay in the start, but when the barrier went up, Annas Bay and Hopeful Time were badly left at the post and naturally they never had a look-in. Sir Victor Sassoon sent the two best of his griffins, Eve of Heaven (Lt. Cdr. Churchill) making the run for her stable-mate, Eve of Harvest ridden by Mr. Black. At the mile beacon, Eve of Heaven was in the lead followed by Jennifer, Peaceful View and the remainder hanging in the rear. There was no change as the pack passed the Royal Navy Pavilion, but it would be of interest to know that the leader set a hot pace and the first half mile was covered in 59.3/5 seconds, the first stanza being clocked in 29.2/5 seconds.

I noticed that when the field reached the bottom of the hill Mr. Encarnacao took Blue Express to the fore, apparently with the object of killing the top weight carrier, Eve of Harvest, by a fast run. That quarter up the rock was galloped in 31.2/5 seconds and when Blue Express, Jennifer, and Galaxy flashed past the half mile standard, Eve of Harvest was fully over six lengths behind the leader. In fact Mr. Black was having some anxious moments. Coming round the corner, Blue Express, Galaxy, Jennifer and Avon were still in the front row, and it appeared to me that there was very little hope of Eve of Harvest giving the leaders a run for the money. At the head of the home stretch Mr. Black called upon Eve of Harvest for a final burst of speed and the mare responded gamely.

TERRIFIC BURST
The combination came in the outside at a pace that surprised me and there was tremendous excitement in the public enclosure when Eve of Harvest drew level with Avon. In a few more strides, Sir Victor's mare got on even terms with Jennifer and she did not have much difficulty in passing Galaxy. But there was another obstacle which Eve of Harvest found difficult to overcome. Mr. Black refused to throw in the sponge after passing the half mile standard and the Shanghai jockey, realising that he was in the lion's den, started to

Time were hard pressed by their respective riders and as they neared the distance Eve of Harvest faded out. Moonlight View and Humdrum Eve (both from the same stable) issued a spirited challenge and they had no difficulty in overhauling New Star and Expansion Time who were labouring in the last hundred yards from the touch line. The end soon came, Moonlight View, after a grim battle, securing the verdict by a neck, and a length separated Humdrum Eve and New Star. Expansion Time lost the third position in the frame by a short head. We know now that Red Feather has no use for a soft going.

MR. ENCARNACAO SCORES HIS SOLITARY WIN

Gladator's failure in the Canton Handicap (second section) over a long run from the two mile post was certainly due to the encumbrance of the pouge and furthermore the old stager never cared for a grass track with a dressing of moisture. As was expected, Potentate with the Shanghai jockey reached home first and that was Mr. Encarnacao's only win during the afternoon.

Rooty-Hill Derby Won By Triumphant Day

The Rooty-Hill Derby winner, Triumphant Day sired by Ribblesdale, proved his winning powers again in the Broken Hill Handicap for Australian youngsters of this season over a course from the two mile post, once round and in. (about one mile 171 yards) and he was carrying 155 lbs. being equivalent to 11 st. 11 lb. The pony's performance was the best of his career and he showed his class in heavy rain and triumphant Day crossed the wire with a bit in hand. Those who studied the form book considered that the weight was too much for the pony and of course all the money was poured out on the underdog, a disappointing display. Happy Landings also carried a good parcel of the Hongkong Bank notes and the total of tickets sold on these two chargers amounted to 2,262 representing a turnover of \$11,310.

Apart from the interest taken in the betting the contest itself was a fine event, for it was anybody's race when the pack came round the bend. All the ponies were well bunched together; in fact it appeared to me that a blanket could cover all, but when they opened out for the home run, the joint leaders, Rising Star and Happy Landings began to flag. Devonian took up the running about a furlong from the touch line, but Lady Northcote's candidate had to surrender the lead to Chiltern, hard pushed by Mr. Encarnacao. The latter was followed by Cockleoi coming through the rails, but Triumphant Day took the outside berth. There was, however, a weak spot in Cockleoi when pressed by Mr. Needa and though I may be wrong, the chestnut representative from the John Peel stable did not like the soft going and he finished among the also rans. Amidst a volley of cheers and shouting, Chiltern was, soon caught by Triumphant Day, who was eased down by the jockey Mr. T. L. Tso to win by two lengths. The same separated Chiltern and Devonian, Happy Landings was a poor fourth.

Promoted After Good Victory

As a result of his easy win in the Fatsan Handicap (first section) for "C" class China runners over six furlongs, Heicle View has been promoted to "B" company and he will

Latest Call-Over For Derby

The following is the latest call-over for the Derby:
Blue Peter, 100/30 (t. and o.)
Admiral's Walk, 15/2 (t. and o.)
Fairstone, 10/1 (o)
Fox Cub, 100/8 (o)
Hypnotist, 100/7 (o)
Signal Light, 100/7 (o)
Foxbrough, 100/6 (o)
Heliopolis, 100/6 (o)
Casanova, 20/1 (o)
Whetland, 20/1 (o)
Diadrome, 20/1 (o)
Dhoti, 25/1 (t. and o.)
Buxton, 25/1 (o), 33/1 (t.)
Tamworth, 25/1 (o) —Reuter.

JOCKEYS ASSIGNED
The following jockeys have been assigned to probable starters for the Thousand Guineas:
Sibbritt rides Quile Contrary, Stephenson rides Infused and Pat Bessley rides Curtin Call.
Wave-length has been withdrawn.—Reuter.

be worth following in that division over short distances. The surprise packet was King Kong dead-heating Rose Emily for the second place, the latter letting the public down very badly.

Pinfarthings Justifies Confidence

I raise my hat to Pinfarthings who, with the assistance of Lt. Cdr. Churchill, ran an honest race in the Fatsan Handicap (second section) over six furlongs, securing a win by six lengths and no doubt his colour in Fanning during the Winter has done the pony a world of good. It will be recalled that Pinfarthings was a first class clinker last season, all outings being unplaced, and the change of atmosphere has given Major J. M. Smith a reward of \$500, a first prize for patience and perseverance. Lt. Cdr. Churchill opened his account in this event and he followed up with another success on Bruno owned by Mr. G. Trevorton in the Hobart Stakes for Australian ponies in a scramble from the 1 1/2 mile post.

TSUI BROTHERS TO MEET IN FINAL OF SINGLES TOURNAMENT

Yesterday's Tennis, Though Good, Had Little Excitement

(By "Ade")

Though the standard of play never fell below a fairly high level, there was a "deadness" difficult to account for in the semi-final match yesterday in the Colony Tennis singles championship between Tsui Yun-pui and Lee Wai-tong. None of the tenseness which could almost be felt in some of the recent singles matches was evident in this encounter; yet from the purist's point of view, the tennis here compared very well with that seen at any stage of the current tournament.

The lack of excitement might have been due to several factors, (1) that the contestants were club-mates and the sense of rivalry consequently was not so keen; (2) that Tsui was strongly fancied to win; (3) the knowledge that the soccer star, whether he won or lost, would be leaving for Manila with the Hongkong Inter-port football team last evening; and (4) the fact that the match proceeded much according to expectations.

The only time that the encounter produced any excitement at all was in the long third set when Lee put up a great fight to delay the finish; but in the first two sets, Tsui was playing too well and had his shots too beautifully controlled to give his opponent much of a look-in. The final scores were 6-4, 6-2, 12-10. It was fairly obvious that Lee's superior physical condition was the cause of the closeness of the struggle in that last set. Despite the great amount of running that he had had to do, he was by far the fresher of the two at the end, and if he had won the third set he might conceivably have been a danger. As it was, his great fight gave his opponent many anxious moments. Tsui had one set point against him, but he negotiated it well and there was never again so close to losing the set.

IMPRESSIVE BACKHAND
Earlier on, Tsui's forceful ground strokes gave him many opportunities to advance to the net, and once he was entrenched there he almost invariably won the point, his volleys more often than not catching Lee on the wrong foot. Particularly impressive was Tsui's backhand with which he hit the ball very early in the bounce, while his all-round steadiness, punctuated by occasional brilliance, was sufficient to guarantee his annexation of the two opening sets.

Lee did not have much luck with some delicate shots which only failed by a fraction of an inch to go over the net. His backhand was his greatest asset, but his forehand was far too unreliable and presented a wing on which Tsui often concentrated his attack with good results. It was in the third set that the struggle became close. While Tsui always appeared to be the superior player in the early stages of the match, his ascendancy was not so marked here. He allowed Lee to take a lead of 4-1 and then 5-3, but he succeeded in squaring the scores at 5-5, after which one and then the other took the lead until Tsui went out in the 22nd game.

DIFFERENT REACTIONS
The two players presented different reaction to the scores. Tsui seemed

ed flurried and over-anxious when he was in the lead and needed only one game to clinch the match, whereas Lee, who fought hard to prevent Tsui from getting this one game, slackened as soon as he had levelled the scores. But in the course of the long struggle many fine rallies were seen, and more than compensated those who played to the end.

Tsui's victory yesterday means that the final will be fought out by the Tsui brothers. This naturally detracts from the interest usually evinced in the final, but that the two brothers deserve to reach this stage of the competition none will deny.

EASTERN FOOTBALL TEAM BACK

After a successful tour of Halphong and Saigon, the Eastern Football team returned to Hongkong yesterday by the Helicon. The Eastern team played nine matches in all during their tour, winning seven, losing one and drawing one. Their only defeat was by a French Selection XI at Halphong; they lost by nine goals to one.

Leo Tack-kee, the centre-forward, was the most prolific scorer of the tour with nine goals to his credit. Eastern will meet the Navy tomorrow to decide the runners-up position in the First Division of the Hongkong Football League.

CIVILIANS WIN HOCKEY ENCOUNTER

The civilians beat the European Y.M.C.A. in a practice hockey match at King's Park yesterday by five goals to one. The winners were superior to their opponents and piled on four goals without reply before the interval.

The game commenced with the Civilians attacking strongly, and the Y.M.C.A. defence could do little against the thrust of the former's forward line. G. Singh and J. Wall, who each scored two goals, were brilliant. The other point was scored by G. Fowler.

The Y.M.C.A. lacked shooting power in front of goal, and their solitary point was scored by Dawson.

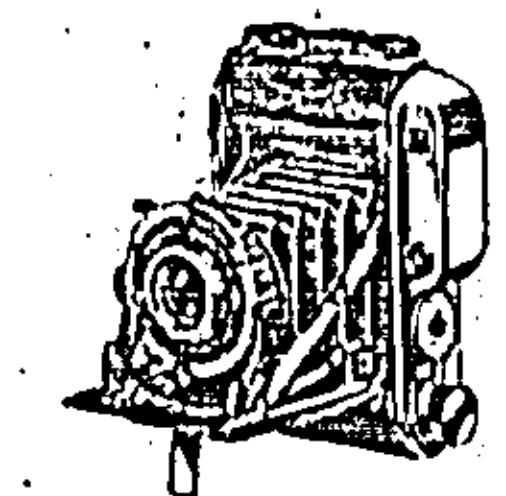
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ARCHIE COMPSTON'S BRAVE COME-BACK

NECK-AND-NECK WITH COTTON FOR BIG GOLF PRIZE

By CHARLES BUCHAN

BOURNEMOUTH, Apr. 1.
No finer send-off for the big golfing season could have been wished for than the tie for first place between Henry Cotton and Archie Compston in the "Daily Mail" Tournament at Queen's Park.

Cotton, twice Open Champion, although still only 32 years of age, and Compston, returning to tournament play at the age of 48 after two years' absence owing to illness, provided a huge crowd with a succession of thrills. These are likely to be repeated in the 36-holes replay to-morrow.

So closely were the pair interlocked that the result depended upon Compston's 12-yard putt on the last green. I stood next to Cotton, who had finished half an hour earlier and he said: "If he takes three putts it's all right; if he holes it, it's just too bad."

Compston's putt ended a yard from the hole on a left-handed slope, but he managed to put the ball down safely for the 4 which enabled him to tie with Cotton.

FIVE HOLES IN 16

That was the end of a thrilling struggle which had lasted the whole way round. At the end of the 11th round the pair were level with 221. Cotton, as he admitted to me, had thrown away a good chance by taking six at the 18th, where he drove into a whin bush.

But when Cotton started the last round with 4, 3, 4, 3, 2 (16 shots for the first five holes) everyone thought he was going to win. He had a fine drive he played a No. 1 iron from a hanging lie and the ball fell short of the green. His run-up ended three yards past the flag and the first putt missed by inches, to make the hole cost 5.

VITAL LAST HOLE

Taking three putts on the 18th green, Compston was a shot behind again, but he drew level at the next hole with a 4 against Cotton's 5. He might have gone ahead at the 11th, where Cotton had had another 5, but again took three putts from the edge of the green.

Both failed to reach the uphill 14th in two shots, and eventually, after par figures for the intervening holes, they came to the 18th with Cotton leading by a stroke. After a fine drive he played a No. 1 iron from a hanging lie and the ball fell short of the green. His run-up ended three yards past the flag and the first putt missed by inches, to make the hole cost 5.

CURTIS FINISHES THIRD

Compston's first two shots at this hole took his ball 12 yards past the flag, and I have already told you how he got his 4.

His 1, though, the better performance, for he was the later player, knowing all the time what Cotton had done, yet never faltering. He had a sniff of smelling salts at the fourteenth, but showed no signs of perturbation, and throughout his great round played only one really bad shot—a bluffed approach at the long twelfth.

Don Curtis, the local professional, and Sam King, played the best golf of any partnership in the final round, each being round in 70. As a result, Curtis ran into third place (£100) with a total of 296, while King tied for the fourth prize (£75) with Charles Whitcombe.

LEADING SCORES

H. Cotton (Ashridge)	69	73	71	212
A. Compston (Coombe)	70	73	71	212
D. Curtis (Queen's Park)	70	74	70	212
C. A. Whitcombe (Crews)	71	73	71	212
S. L. King (Knoles Park)	71	73	71	212
D. J. Rice (Hindhead)	71	73	71	212
H. A. Whitcombe (Parkstone)	71	73	71	212
J. Adams (Liverpool)	71	73	71	212
H. Burton (Bale)	71	73	71	212
W. J. Branzen (Leicester)	71	73	71	212
A. H. Padgham	71	73	71	212
A. Sundridge (Park)	71	73	71	212
A. Lees (Dore and)	71	73	71	212
E. F. Whitcombe (Porters Park)	71	73	71	212
A. J. Lacey (Walsby)	71	73	71	212
C. H. Ward (Torquay)	71	73	71	212
304—J. H. Ruda (West Derby)	71	73	71	212
305—A. Smithers (Barnstaple)	71	73	71	212
306—A. Harrison (Hill Barn)	71	73	71	212
307—W. J. Martin (Coat Heath)	71	73	71	212
308—A. Dalry (Wansford)	71	73	71	212
309—A. Mayrick (Park)	71	73	71	212
310—A. Shepherd (Huddersfield)	71	73	71	212
311—A. B. Tibbles (Farnworth, Drayton Park)	71	73	71	212
312—E. W. H. Kenyon (Deaconsfield)	71	73	71	212
313—R. Ruffe (Longcliffe)	71	73	71	212
314—C. Denby (Thorne)	71	73	71	212
315—J. H. Busson (Formby)	71	73	71	212
316—P. Allum (Farnham)	71	73	71	212
317—J. T. Leach (Glen Grove)	71	73	71	212

Further Progress In English Amateur

London, Apr. 27.

In the fifth round of the English Amateur Golf Championship at Birkdale, Southport, to-day, C. W. Mole of Reading beat E. Nugenthead by eight and six.

Leonard Crawley, a former champion, beat E. Bromley-Davenport, of Cheshire, a Walker Cup trial player, by seven and five.

Ronald White, the 18-year-old International boy player, who eliminated J. J. F. Penning, the holder, went into the next round by defeating C. H. V. Elliott, of Notts, by three and one.

The quarter-finals and the semi-finals will be played to-morrow.—*Reuter*.

Starting Times Announced Golf At Fanling Over Week-End

SATURDAY

2.00 J. M. Pearson, W. S. E. James.
2.04 L. Jackson, H. Stoker.
2.08 H. J. K. Walker, J. Glen.

SUNDAY

9.16 L. M. S. Lloyd, H. F. Phillips.
9.20 F. A. Redmond, D. J. Gilmore.
9.24 E. Lindwall, J. W. Mayhew.
9.28 H. J. K. Walker, J. Glen.
9.32 N. D. Lloyd, G. C. Worrall.
9.36 H. J. D. Lowe, J. Linaker.
9.40 T. F. B. Waters, E. T. Macmillan.
9.44 A. N. & Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
9.48 S. H. Dodwell, K. S. Morrison.
9.52 C. R. Murray, P. S. Delaney.
9.56 R. H. Gregory, A. D. Humphreys.
10.00 F. E. Lissman, H. G. Parker.
10.04 C. H. Wing, C. Steele Perkins.
10.08 T. E. & T. A. Pearce.
10.12 R. M. Pearce, A. J. Dennis.
10.16 W. F. Burgess, J. Fairclough.
10.20 Cheviot, A. T. Lay, R. C. Valentine.
10.24 H. C. Stewart, J. M. Pearson.
10.28 D. M. Smalley, F. C. Young.
10.32 W. N. A. Smalley, F. C. Young.
10.36 L. M. Wylie, A. Sommerfelt.
10.40 J. Forbes, I. H. Gault.
10.44 C. M. Stark, J. L. C. Pearce.
10.48 J. F. Robinson, E. G. Price.
10.52 W. B. Richardson, P. E. Booker.

New Course

9.28 Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Glen.
9.30 Mrs. Meredith, Miss Dodwell.
9.32 J. McQueen, Col. Matthews.
9.34 Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Dennis.
9.36 Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Pearson.
9.38 Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Young.
9.40 Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Price.

Thousand Guineas Probables

London, Apr. 27.
Romulus and Jocky de Savon are omitted from the list of probable starters and bookies for the One Thousand Guineas to be run at Newmarket to-morrow.

The following minor amendments have been made in the riders:

Her Slipper (Crouch), Amy Roberts (Cliff Richards), Glalier, II (Jones), Elbit (Richardson), Sam (Slipson), Arzoni (Sam Wragg), Infra Red (Stephenson), Curtail Call (Pat. Deasley), Quite Contrary (Sibbritt).—*Reuter*.



Irene Dunne takes a look at the set-up for her next scene in RKO Radio's "Love Affair," a modern romantic drama in which she and Charles Boyer, two of Hollywood's favorite writers, are teamed by Producer Leo McCarey. The picture will be shown at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres to-morrow.

EXCITING BOUTS SEEN IN ARMY INDIVIDUAL BOXING TOURNAMENT

Several good bouts were witnessed last night at the Nanking Barracks when the finals of the Hongkong Area Open Individual and Boys' Championships were staged before a large gathering, including Brigadier A. B. Thomson and Brigadier J. T. W. Reeve and officers of the garrison.

Three knockouts and one technical knockout decision featured the programme, and although in several of the fights the contestants went at it hammer-and-tongs from the word go till the finish, scientific methods were conspicuous by their absence.

Probably the finest performer of the evening was L/Cpl. Noble, of Middlesex, who knocked out Pte. Lushan, of the same Regiment, in the first round. Noble was very confident and waited his opportunity which came shortly after the first minute, when an uppercut floored Lushan, who rose but went down again under a barrage of blows.

One of the gamest performers of the evening was Boy. Hillkins, of the Middlesex, who was outpointed by Boy. Stevens, of Royal Scots, the referee, Capt. E. H. B. Neill congratulating the former on a very plucky performance.

At the conclusion of the programme, Brig. A. B. Thomson said that these championships marked the end of another boxing season. Army boxing in Hongkong had suffered through the absence of the Scottish Highlanders in Shanghai, and as a result, Middlesex and Royal Scots were featured in all team championship events. He offered his sympathy to Royal Scots, who found conditions against them for training purposes. He had two points to offer next year's Committee for consideration.

They had seen many fine performers among the boys and he hoped that next year it would be possible to stage a Boy's Inter-team championship. Secondly, he thought the Royal Regiment (Royal Artillery) should be able to enter a team as they probably had many boxers and would probably only need organizing.

He thanked Lt. Col. Newnham, off. c.s. and men for their valuable contribution to boxing during the past two years and wished them every success at their new station, Malta. They would be leaving during the next troopship season.

He also paid a special tribute to Capt. F. H. E. Neill, who had handled the Hongkong Area Sports during the past eighteen months and who would be leaving the Colony next month.

Brig. Thomson then distributed the prizes won during the evening. Open Bantamweight: Pte. Hope (Middlesex) knocked out Pte. Williams (Middlesex) in the second round.

Boys' Bantamweight: Tpr. Griffiths (8th Hvy. Bde. R.A.) beat Boy. McDonald (Royal Scots) on points.

Open Featherweight: Pte. Noble (Middlesex) knocked out Pte. Lushan (Middlesex) in the first round.

Boys' Featherweight: Boy Stevens (Royal Scots) beat Boy. Hillkins (Middlesex) on points.

Open Lightweight: Cpl. Ellis (Middlesex) beat Pte. Scott (Royal Scots) on a technical knock-out in the second round.

Boys' Lightweight: Tpr. Williamson (R.A.) beat Boy. Rowe (Middlesex) on points.

Open Middleweight: Gnr. Franklyn (R.A.) beat Bdm. Emmerson (Royal Scots) on points.

Boys' Welterweight: Tpr. Brennan (8th Hvy. Bde. R.A.) beat Tpr. Richardson (8th Hvy. Bde. R.A.) on points.

Open Light-Heavyweight: Pte. Foster (Middlesex) beat L/Cpl. Betts (Middlesex) on points.

Open Welterweight: Pte. McReady (Royal Scots) knocked out L/Cpl. Harris (Middlesex) in the second round.

Open Heavyweight: Pte. Moran (Middlesex) conceded a walk-over as he was the only entrant in this division.

In the Open Competition, bouts were of three rounds of two minutes each, while the Boys' Competition were three rounds of one minute each.

Wolverhampton Favoured To Win Cup Final

London, Apr. 28.
The Wolverhampton Wanderers are strongly favoured to win the English Association Football Cup final against Portsmouth at Wembley to-morrow.

The betting is at least three to one on the Wolves.

In order to ease the nervous strain, Portsmouth have hit on the novel idea of having their players entertained by comedians with recitation and jokes in the dressing room for half an hour before play begins.

The Wolves have been training at home, but Portsmouth spent the last few days on the south coast.

The teams are:
Wolves—Scott, Morris, Taylor, Galley, Cullis, Gardner, Burton, McIntosh, Westcott, Dorsett and Maguire.

Portsmouth—Walker, Morgan, Rochford, Guthrie, Rowe, Wharton, Worral, McAlinden, Anderson, Barlow and Parker.—*Reuter*.

On the Birkdale links in the English Amateur golf championship, J. J. Penning, winner of the last two years, was beaten in the fourth round by the 18-year-old boy International, Ronald White, who is a local player.

On the 19th, White was one up and in turn was three up and five to play.

Baseball

NEW YORK OUTFITS IDLE

New York, Apr. 27.
The following were the results of matches played in the Major Baseball League to-day:

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
Boston	5	10	1
Philadelphia	4	13	2
(Simmons homered, for the Braves).			
Chicago	3	8	2
Cincinnati	11	15	0
(Goodman homered for the Reds).			
Pittsburgh	5	9	1
St. Louis	6	10	3

(Suhr homered for the Pirates and Mize for the Cardinals. Eleven innings were played).
The match between Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants was not played owing to the ground being wet.

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Philadelphia	3	0	2
Washington	6	13	1
Detroit	1	9	3
Chicago	2	15	2
(Gehring homered for the Tigers. Thirteen Innings were played).			
St. Louis	4	1	1
Cleveland	2	7	3

(Heath homered for the Indians).
The match between the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox was not played owing to the cold.—*Reuter*.

Football

E. L. Strange Unable To Go With The XI

The Hongkong Interport football team, comprising 14 players and two officials, left the Colony at 1 a.m. this morning by the President Cleveland for Manila, where they will participate in a series of three matches commencing with the Interport match against Manila, on Sunday evening.

Due to the fact that Mr. E. J. Kennard had contracted an attack of measles shortly after noon yesterday, Mr. E. L. Strange, who works with him in the Colonial Secretariat, was refused permission to travel with the Interport team and had to withdraw at practically the last minute. This was very bad luck as Strange was long due for Interport honours and had on a previous occasion suffered almost a similar disappointment.

Mr. L. Wai-long, who is captain of the Hongkong team said that he was quite confident that the Colony eleven had a very good chance of repeating their former success over Manila, as most of the South China members of the Interport side and A. V. Gosano and N. Beltrano had played previously under artificial lighting. Then again, having Mr. R. M. Omar in charge of the game was not a disadvantage.

The problem of the intermediate line, he said, depended upon Leung Wing-chiu's legs, as he had recently strained a tendon.

They would not decide upon the lineup until shortly before the match, although he said he favoured the inclusion of Courtney in the intermediate line in preference to Freshwater.

Many members of the Hongkong Football Association Council were on board to bid the team bon voyage, among these being the Chairman of the Association, Mr. W. Pryde. Travelling with the team as mascot in A. V. Gosano's youngest sister.

Penning squared at the 17th, losing an extra hole by misjudging a third shot.

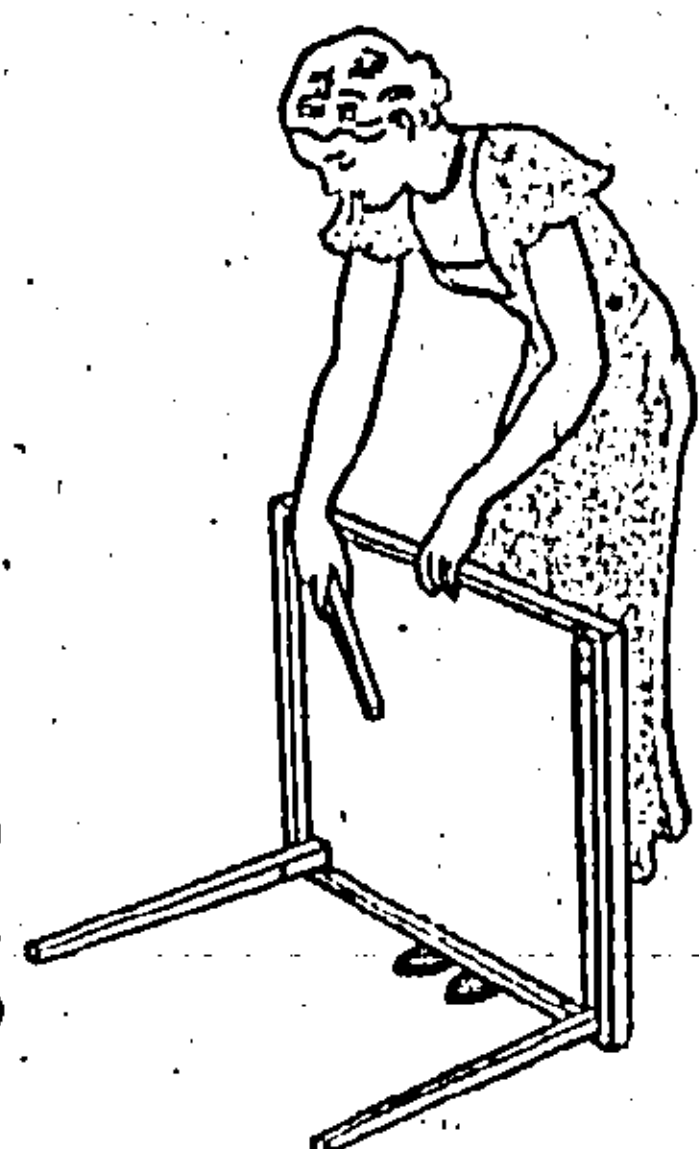
Another unexpected defeat was that of Harry Bentley, winner of 1937, by E. Nugenthead, London golfer, at the 19th.

The major match of this round between the former winners, Leonard Crawley and Stanley Lunt, resulted in a win for Crawley after being one down at the ninth. Crawley thus avenged his defeat by Lunt at the 37th in the 1934 final.—*Reuter*.

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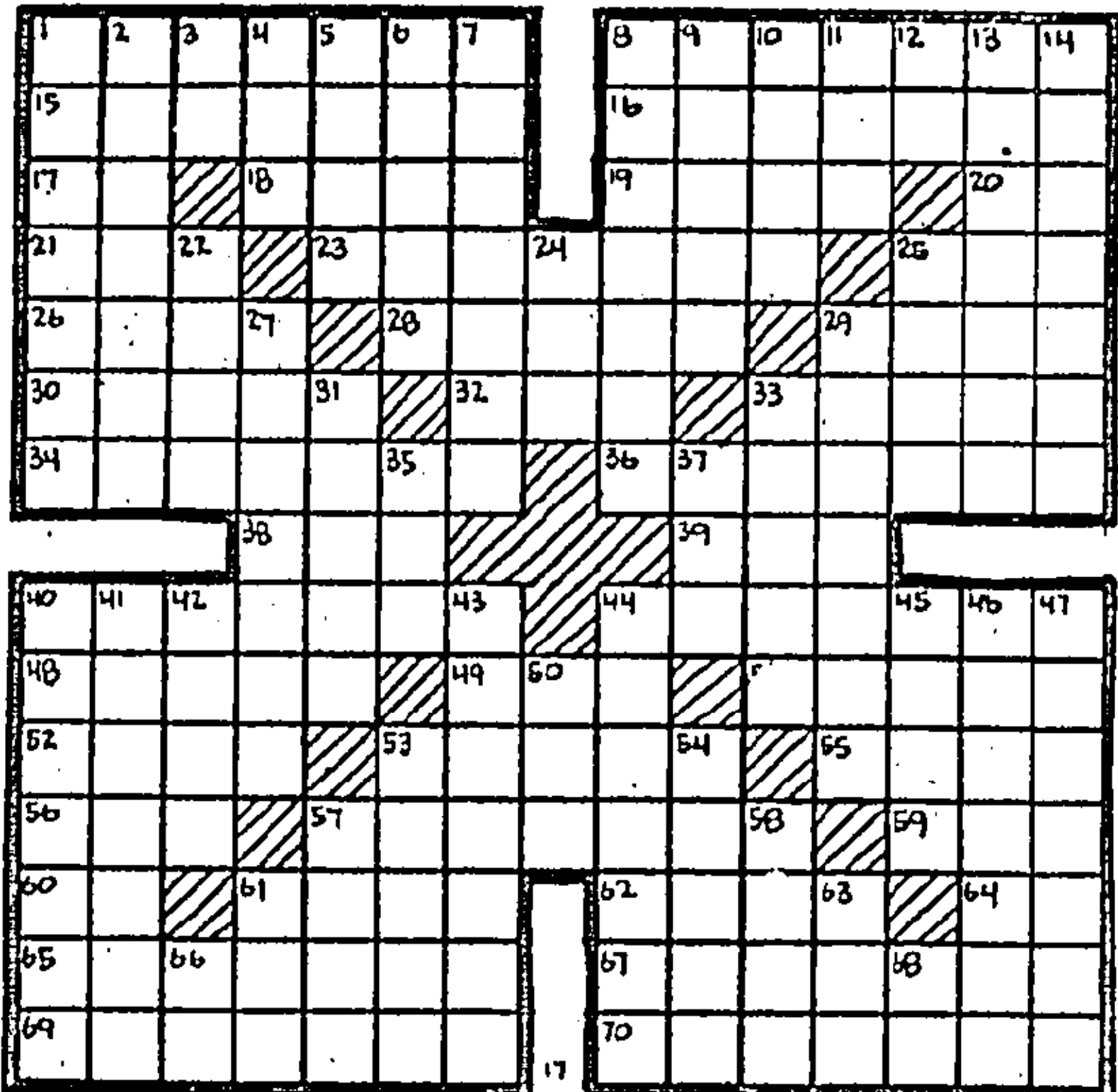
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS
ANSWER TO
PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS
1—Course, of aluminum
2—Measured movement
3—In poetry
4—Hercules inducing
5—Piercing
6—Tobacco
7—Unlabeled
8—Well-known
9—This object
10—Pillbox
11—Cooked with steam
12—Knee's hinge
13—Type of amphibian
14—Calcium oxide
15—Leaky unperfected
16—Social insect
17—Male human being
18—Dried blue
19—Waves
20—Like del Rio
21—Kind of cloth used
22—Horse doctor (col.)
23—Considered thought-
24—Pertaining to
25—Constellation, the
26—Peruvian tuber
27—Growing out
28—Fringing wave
29—Threaded
30—Full along by main
31—Medal digit
32—Authoritative
33—Suggestion
34—Chopping tool
35—In (French)
36—Measuring instru-
ment

DOWN
1—Punish with
padding
2—Major semitone
(musical)
3—As below (Latin
abbr.)
4—Memorial post of
North American
Indians

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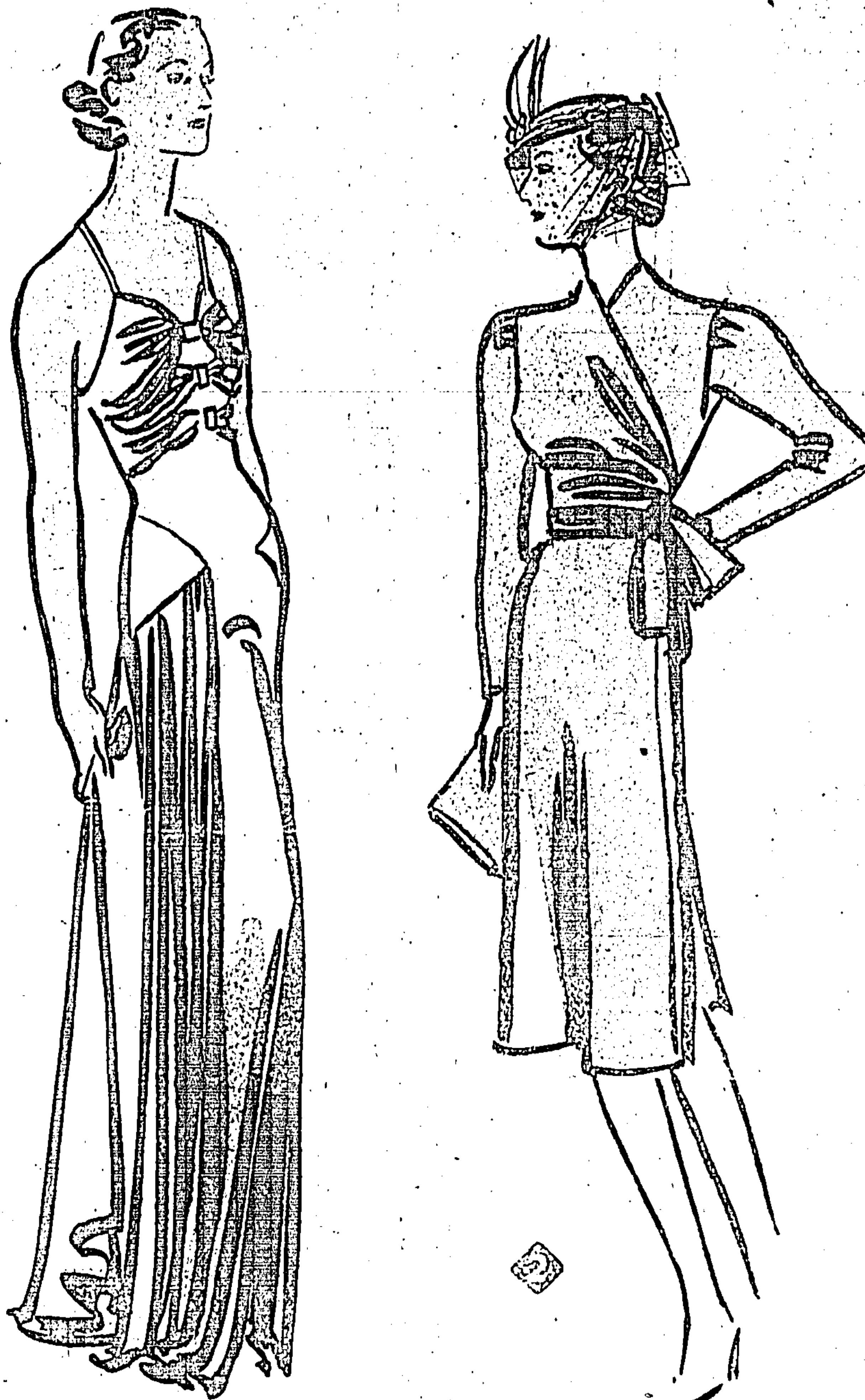
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Proceedings against Lok Sul-wan, 30, and Lok Kwai-ming, 18, cloth-makers, for robbery with violence, were begun before Mr. R. A. D. Forster at Central Magistracy, yesterday. Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin, assisted by Sgt. T. Cashman was present for the prosecution.

Defendants were charged with robbing Wu To, Jockey Club mafao, on a pathway between the Jockey Club and Taihang, of \$130, a silver pocket watch and a leather wallet, on April 1.

Wu, in evidence, said he left the stables with a pony about 5.30 a.m. for Wongninchong Gap, and when going past a path near Bluepool Road, met two men. One asked him the way to Deepwater Bay but he was struck on the eye before he had time to answer. He was then seized by the neck and thrown to the ground, while the second man took the wallet which was attached to his belt, and his watch.

Dr. E. R. J. Neidau, of the Queen Mary Hospital, testified to having examined Wu, and finding a small laceration over the left eyebrow, and bruises over the left chest and knee. He agreed that the injuries were consistent with Wu's story of the attack.

To Chi-keung, unemployed, told the Court that he met defendants on the night of March 31, and went with them from Kowloon to visit man named Lo Kee, in Kwai Fong Street, Wongninchong. They left the house about 10 p.m. but returned between 5 and 6 a.m. when they separated.

The two defendants went up to the hill at the rear of Wongninchong, and shortly after, while in Kwai Fong Street, he heard cries of "Save Life" from up the hill. Soon after, he saw both defendants run down the hillside and disappear in the direction of the racecourse.

To said he next saw them in Kowloon City, where he was given \$5 by second defendant, for ten. He was shown a pocket watch but was told that they did not get any money.

First defendant denied that he was with To and second defendant said the watch was given to him by To. Suggestions that he was a bad character, and that he had robbed

HERE are two of the dresses from the complete wardrobe of all-English clothes which Lady Maureen Stanley, wife of the President of the Board of Trade, has taken on her Balkan tour.

She has with her a great variety of clothes, as she changes frocks at least three times a day. But they are all the same type; quiet, fairly conventional—nothing extravagant about them. Like most Englishwomen, Lady Maureen seems to have a great fancy for draped dresses—these two, for instance.

1 Evening frock in white jersey (which drapes better than any other stuff). It is cut low with half-inch-wide white shoulder straps. The bodice is draped from side to side, caught up at three points in the centre with diamond clips. The waist is tight-fitting, held in by a belt which ties across the back only. The front of the skirt is plain, but a panel of pleats is let in on the hips each side. Note the way these pleats are put in: not straight but on the slant, by means of triangular pieces of material let into the waist each side. Back of the skirt is pleated all round to flow out when she walks.

2 An afternoon frock in black tulip (that dull mauve colour) satin. The cross-over bodice drapes high round the neck and continues on in one piece into a sash which circles the waist and ties in a loose bow on the left hip. Long sleeves are set well into the shoulder, slightly darted. The fairly straight skirt has a fold running down the left side and is slit a couple of inches at the hem.

Lady Maureen had this same dress also made in black woollen material, and wears it with a straight-tailored jacket of pale blue wool.

Autos Raced on Ice

WINSTED, Conn. Automobile racers have found a new sport to thrill them during the winter months—racing on frozen Highland Lake. They enter the contents in old automobiles, which slide and swerve around a 30-mile course with amazing good fortune.

A man of a purse in Prince Edward Road was denied by witness. The hearing was adjourned until May 3.

Eggs On The
Menu

HERE are a few recipes for supper or lunch dishes:—

Egg Timbale

Hard boil three eggs and cook 1½ lb. potatoes. Mash the potatoes, and add them to 1 oz. butter melted in a saucepan. Beat till smooth, then turn out on a floured board, and form into a long roll.

Turn this into a ring on a flat fire-proof dish, brush over with beaten egg, and bake in a moderate oven till brown.

Shell the hard-boiled eggs, and cut each in four. Make a white sauce with 2 oz. butter, 2 oz. flour, and 2 breakfastcupfuls milk. Add the eggs to the sauce, heat thoroughly, and pour into the potato ring. Garnish with chopped parsley and serve at once.

Tomato Eggs

Choose four firm large tomatoes. Cut a slice off the stalk end, and scoop out inside. Mix 1 tablespoonful chopped parsley and 1 teaspoon chopped onion together. Sprinkle a little of this inside each tomato. Then break an egg into centre of each. Cover the surface with bread crumbs, and place on a pat of margarine.

Bake in a greased dish for 10-15 minutes. Serve at once.

Eggs with Shrimps

Allow 1 egg for each person, and boil them hard. Pour cold water over them and remove the shells. Cut each egg across, so that you have 2 little cups.

Take out the yolks, and crush them in a bowl, with a few shrimps, previously shelled. Stir in enough mayonnaise sauce to moisten the mixture. Fill the whites with the preparation, and spread on a bed of lettuce leaves or garnish with parsley.

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OBITUARY

Mr. Sydney Boulton Dies In Hospital

Mr. S. Boulton, of the Talkoo Dockyard, died at the War Memorial Hospital yesterday afternoon after an illness lasting about three weeks. He was 63 years of age. The funeral will take place this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

Mr. Boulton was born at Bath, Somersetshire, of old county stock, and migrated early to London. After securing a temporary post in the Government service, he came to Hongkong, arriving on May 25, 1898, on the old P. and O. Ceylon.

After a residence of more than 30 years in the Colony, Mr. Boulton retired from the Talkoo Sugar Refinery and left Hongkong in November, 1928, but returned to the Colony in 1930, and had been with the Talkoo Dockyard up to the time of his death.

Mr. Boulton's connection with Hongkong has been full of service to others, and his death will be a great blow to his many friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Boulton joined the staff of the Talkoo Sugar Refinery in January, 1903 and was mainly instrumental in inaugurating many social and recreational facilities for the Club. He had done much work on behalf of the institution and its members.

In other directions, Mr. Boulton had been a contributor to the general good of the community. He was an early member of the Volunteers, and served a number of years before resigning for a spell, but joined up again when war broke out in 1914, and continued until the Armistice.

Mr. Boulton will also be remembered for his part in the establishment of Sunday School activities, when, with the help of a few others, he started the Sunday School which was later absorbed into the Union Church organisation. He also took an interest in the work at the Church Mission House and Orphanage, which was known as Fairlie, at West Point.

A keen sportsman in his younger days, Mr. Boulton was one of the Talkoo Bowling Green Club's first members, and was present in 1905-6 at the Club when the decision to adopt the game of lawn bowls was decided upon after much discussion.

Mr. Boulton leaves a daughter, Edith, in Hongkong and a son Keith, in England with Messrs. Allan and West, engineers. His wife died here four years ago.

A nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. A. Andrews of the Peak Tramway Company are also in Hongkong. Mrs. Andrews is the daughter of the sister of Mr. Boulton. Another daughter is Mrs. A. Jillett, of Hongkong.

MR. BRIAN L. LEWIS
 Former Hongkong Resident Dies in Australia

His many friends in Hongkong will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Brian Lander Lewis in Sydney, on April 26. Mr. Lewis is survived by his wife and two-year-old son.

Mr. Lewis was a former Managing Director of Messrs. Rees, Massey and Company, Ltd., and had served the Company in Hongkong and Shanghai. He resigned in 1933 for health reasons and established himself in Sydney as a commodity broker.

Mr. Lewis served in the Great War as an officer and was wounded several times.

MR. ANDREW BRADY
 Shanghai Irishman Who Ran Away to Sea

Shanghai, Apr. 27. Mr. Andrew Augustus Brady, 62, died here to-day after a long and painful illness.

Mr. Brady was a native of Ballyconnell, County Galway, Ireland, and ran away from home to go to sea at the age of 15. He landed in Shanghai in 1901 where he worked for the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Company and the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, later becoming an auctioneer. He joined the Shanghai Stock Exchange in 1910 and was twice elected Chairman of that body.

A wife and brother survive.—United Press.

NELSON KEYS
 Noted Musical Comedy Star Dies in London

London, Apr. 27. The death occurred to-day of Nelson Keys, the well-known English musical comedy comedian. He first played in Hull in 1900, and a few years later became one of the

BRITISH NOTE TO SOVIET

Concrete Proposal For Alliance

LONDON, Apr. 27.

ALTHOUGH the Foreign Office will neither deny nor confirm the statement published in the "Daily Telegraph" to-day to the effect that the British Ambassador to Moscow, Sir William Seeds, presented a Note to the Soviet Government on Wednesday, it is learned from well-informed quarters that the statement is correct, and that the note was drawn up at Tuesday's meeting of the foreign affairs committee of the Cabinet.

The note is said to contain a concrete proposal which is expected here to meet with the approval of the Soviet Government, and thus form the basis for an agreement.

It is believed that the Soviet Government would be prepared to make a unilateral declaration that it will go to the assistance of her European neighbours and of Turkey in the event of unprovoked aggression against any of them to any extent which those countries might consider necessary.

England and France, it is declared, would be ready to give an undertaking to assist the Soviet Union in the case of a threat to her western frontiers.—Trans-Ocean.

BLOW KNOCKS OUT TEETH

Loti, Cal. Jamel Abraham, 12, is fully convinced of the mystical influence of numbers. While playing on the Woods School baseball nine, he got hit with a bat and lost nine teeth.

leading figures in the London stage. —Reuter Bulletin.

Nelson Keys was born on August 17, 1890. He has played the leading comedy and character roles in several British pictures, including "Tippecoes," "Madame Bonaparte," "Mumsey," and "When Knights Were Bold," and Robespierre in "The Triumph of the Scarlet Pimpernel."

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Japan-France Concluding Trade Pact

Tokyo, Apr. 27.

Following the reaching of a preliminary understanding on March 10, the trade negotiations between Japan and France are making satisfactory progress and a new trade agreement will shortly be concluded between the two countries, informed quarters understand.

As a result of the negotiations conducted between Mr. Matsushima, Director of the Commercial Bureau of the Foreign Office, and M. Tache, Commercial attaché of the French Embassy, an agreement of views has already been reached on technical affairs, it is revealed.

The only points yet to be straightened out are the abolition of the issuance of certificates of origin on Japanese imports and the alleviation of Japanese restrictions on French imports.

The projected trade agreement will provide, inter alia for the following points:

Japan during 1939 will import yen 50,000,000 worth of iron ores and special steel from France and her colonies;

Japan during the same year will export yen 70,000,000 worth of goods to France and her colonies, the amount marking the average of Japanese exports during the past two years;

France will consider possible lifting of exchange commensation duties on Japanese goods and will not increase duties on Japanese goods.—Domei.

British Music For World's Fair

Mr. William Walton has withdrawn his violin concerto from the concert of new British music which are being arranged by the British Council for the New York World's Fair in June. He has taken this step because he finds that he will be unable to complete the work in time.

The first two movements are, however, finished, and Mr. Walton hopes to complete the concerto in time for it to be given its first performance by Mr. Jascha Heifetz in the early autumn in New York.

Mr. Walton has been at work on this concerto for a considerable time, and Mr. Heifetz has taken an interest in it from the beginning. He was to have played it at the World's Fair.

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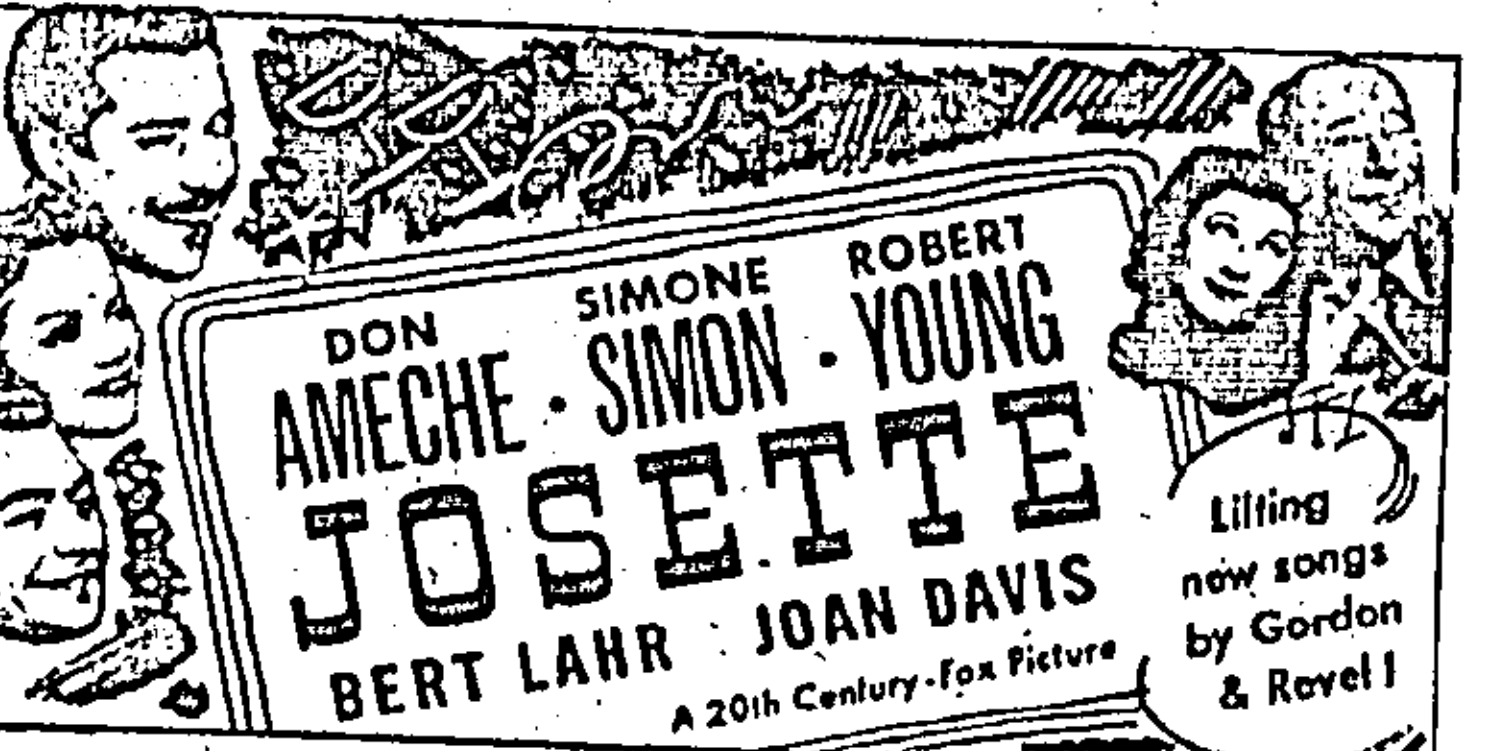
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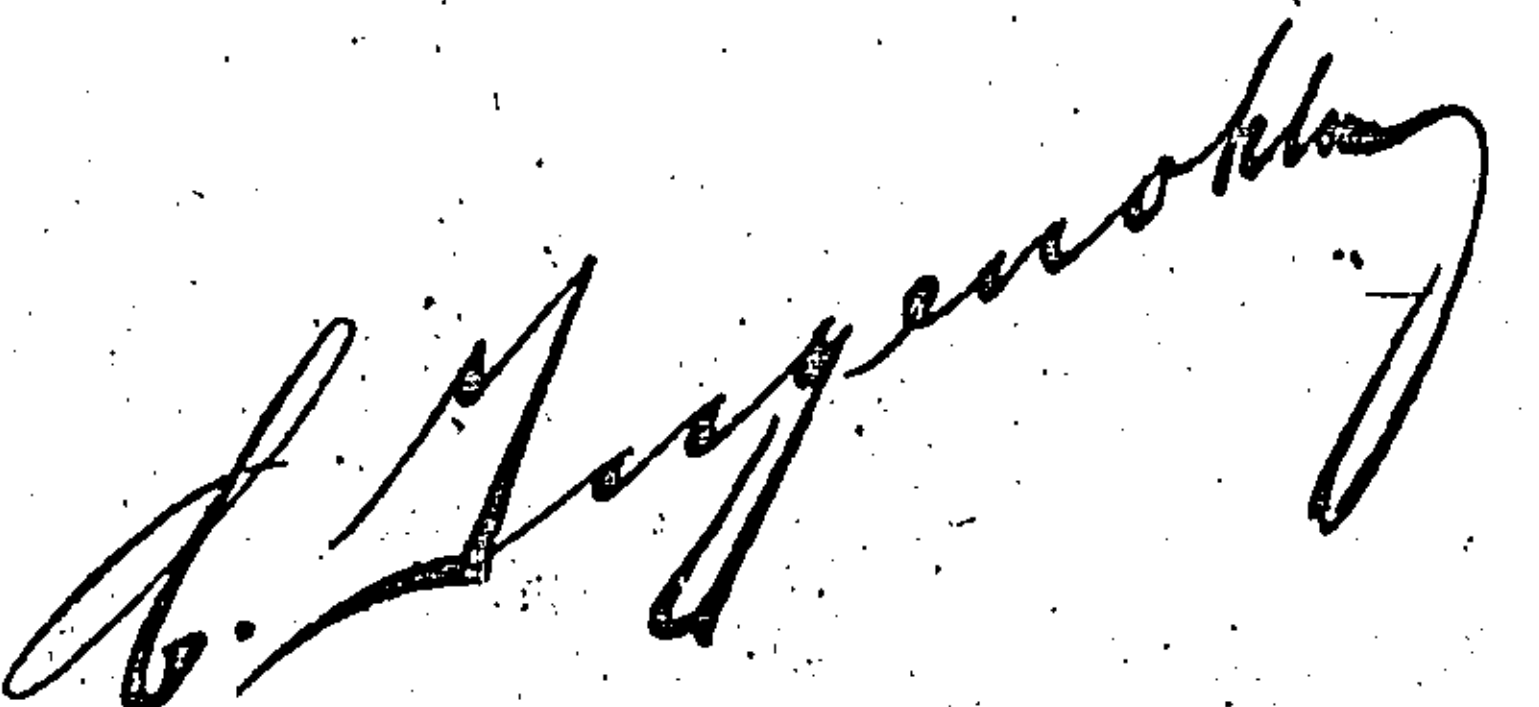
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FRANK STATEMENT IN HOUSE OF LORDS

"THE POSSIBILITY of hostilities with the greatest military Power the world has ever known," was the basis of the Government argument in favour of Conscription in the House of Lords.

Lord Maugham, the Government spokesman, made unusually frank comments regarding the danger of an attack from Germany.

The measure was approved without dissent.—United Press.

Debate On Conscription

PREMIER'S WARNING TO COMMONS

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come to this momentous conclusion, surely it is not necessary to remind the House that ever since March 20, the situation has radically changed. If, after March 20, we felt compelled to give that assurance to Poland, which was afterwards followed by similar assurances to Greece and Rumania, is there any member of the House who does not realise that by those assurances our liabilities were enormously increased? (Ministerial cheers.)

Inspira Confidence

"Is there anyone who does not realise that the purpose of these assurances was primarily to prevent war, but that if they were to be effective, we must inspire confidence, not only in the countries to which we gave the assurances, but throughout Europe, that we meant to carry them through to the end. (Cheers.)

"We have seen doubts cast upon our determination as to whether we really did mean business, and evidence has been accumulating rapidly last week that these doubts were increasing.

The Jibe that Britain was ready to fight to the last French soldier has been bandied about from capital to capital.

"It has been becoming clearer and clearer to us that the whole effort to build up a solid front against the idea of domination by force was being jeopardised by these doubts.

Bolittling Intentions

"Yesterday, Mr. Lloyd George put a question about the number of men who would become available. I thought I detected in that question an intention to belittle what the Government was doing. It would be interesting to know whether Mr. Lloyd George is in favour of a larger measure of conscription, or whether he is against conscription altogether. It is important, in my judgment, not to belittle this great departure by this country from one of its most cherished traditions.

"I do not think one can read the papers and read extracts from the foreign press without realising that the statements of the Govern-

ment's intention have brought comfort, relief, and encouragement to all our friends in Europe.

"It would be a mistake to suppose that although the number of men affected in a single year is not large compared with the scale of the Continental armies, that from the military point of view this is not important."

Profits On Armaments

In indicating that the Government's efforts to prevent excessive profits on armaments had not been altogether successful, Mr. Chamberlain said: "There are obvious difficulties to be overcome, but the Chancellor and his advisers are now giving particular attention to devising the best plan to achieve the purpose, and it is to be hoped that his proposals will be laid before Parliament at an early date."

Referring to the impropriety in war time of increases in private fortunes created by the war, the Premier said that the view of the Government was that if war should come, taxes on the very wealthy which were already very high, must be further and substantially increased.

The Government felt that profiteering, where established in war time, should be subjected to special penalties.

Levy On Money Hogs

He thought the subject could best be grappled by a levy on war time increases such as suggested by the Select Committee of 1920, but which was not at that time proceeded with. Mr. Chamberlain concluded with an appeal to the Labour Party, whose fears and doubts respecting conscription, the Premier said, the Government had earnestly endeavoured to meet.

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that this limited measure was designed to meet immediate and temporary needs.

He added: "I do not want to give the idea that I think war is imminent."

"I appeal to the members opposite not to be hasty in taking an irrevocable decision which might create in other quarters doubts about our determination to play our part to the full."—Reuter.

No-Confidence Vote

Labour Critical Of Conscription

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stently stood against the rule of force; far more consistently than the Government."

Mr. Attlee complained that it was not until the last moment that there was any consultation with the Union. In the background of conscription, there was the danger of industrial conscription. They believed the definite pledge by the Government and they had thrown themselves into the organisation of voluntary service on the strength of that pledge.

Referring to the selection of age limits, Mr. Attlee said it was not a right allocation of man-power to use the very young. All the men wanted for manning the anti-aircraft defences could be got from ex-soldiers and ex-naval ratings. The real trouble experienced by the Secretary of War had been that the military had been that the reluctance of the Government to appoint a Ministry of Supply. It was supply we wanted more than man-power.

Conscription Of Wealth

Amid Opposition cheers, Mr. Attlee complained that Mr. Chamberlain had not dealt with the conscription of wealth, and he said something should be done about the possession of unnecessary luxuries.

Mr. Attlee added that the Trade Unions were apprehensive because the step might lead to industrial conscription.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Liberal leader followed, and he emphasised the effect the British efforts would have on foreign countries like the United States and Russia.

He declared that we must make it clear to Frenchmen that we make a contribution fully proportionate to our population, resources, and responsibilities.

World's Biggest Fleet

He would tell France that we are contributing the greatest fleet and one of the greatest air forces in the world, as well as an expeditionary force of 500,000, with reserves to make it at least 1,000,000, while in the event of war our allies would draw on our munition factories and finance.

He was firmly convinced of the merits of the voluntary system. "The reason which the Government didn't and couldn't give for the departure is that it cannot get men without conscription. The men are coming so fast that we shan't be able to equip them for months. If circumstances ever imposed a departure from the voluntary system, let compulsion be applied, and not only to boys of 20."

Churchill's Speech

Mr. Winston Churchill's speech in the conscription debate was illustrated with customary graphic

AMENDMENT DEFEATED

The Labour amendment expressing No Confidence in the Government was defeated by 380 votes to 143.

The Government's motion for the approval of Conscription was carried by 376 votes to 145.

Illustrations

Dealing with the assumption that the issue would be submitted to an election, he said that he had no doubt the Government would win, but we should have a new Parliament, deeply bitter, with a large minority of the nation worked up into burning anti-Government opposition.

If the Opposition won, and established the principle of no compulsory military service, the whole resistance in Europe to Nazi domination would collapse.

As an illustration of the French feelings on the subject, Mr. Churchill said: "Although it is highly improbable, let us suppose Gibraltar is attacked by German ships next week. Two million Frenchmen would, in a few days, stand under enemy fire."

Later, Mr. Churchill expressed approval of the steps taken on its merits purely as a British measure, and not as an after comment on Hitler's speech.

Hitler's Utterances

"I do not attach particular importance to that speech. If Herr Hitler utters menacing threats, it does not make the situation worse than it appears on the actual facts. If he utters reassurances, for one, will not believe them until they are confirmed by deeds. If he utters mere abuse, why should we pay attention to it? We pay too much attention to the dictators' speeches, and too little study to their marshalling of forces, and the spreading of their authority which is continually going on."

Supreme Pledge

Mr. Churchill forebore to recapitulate the successive conversions of the Government during the last six weeks (laughter) but he strongly defended the Prime Minister on the score of good faith.

The supreme pledge which is tacitly given by anyone holding the first office of State is to act in accordance with what he believes to be national needs and safety.

He agreed with the danger of Nazi propaganda about "England fighting France and the Frenchmen." The French do not easily understand the deep prejudices of the British against militarism and the historic attachment to the voluntary system.

Although our contribution would be great, it was not of the same kind as executed from France the first day war began, and the rise of feeling in France in recent weeks was a fact which no British Government could afford to neglect.

It was delusion that European problems were solved by calling up 200,000 youths of 20. Several classes should be involved in the scope of the measure. The Government's measures would have a direct influence on the hopes of preserving peace, and anyone who votes against them must do so with grave compunction and a sense of responsibility. (Cheers.)

Military Necessity

Mr. L. S. Amery declared that sheer military necessity forced the present proposal on the Government. Answering opposition criticism, Mr. Amery said, if it was right to take men compulsorily in confusion and a hurry after the war had started, why it was wrong to take them in order and systematically and give them a chance of preparing themselves for service.

He hoped the Opposition would refrain from casting a vote which would be misunderstood by friends abroad and give an unpleasant satisfaction to our opponents.

In this matter the nation, he thought, was far ahead of the Government, and of the Opposition.

Totalitarianism

Mr. E. G. Hicks (Lab) who is a member of the Trades Union Council expressed the opinion that conscrip-

tion was the basis of Totalitarianism. He declined to believe that the voluntary system had broken down. "We love our country as Hitler or anybody else would soon discover if they started to attack this country," he declared.

Mr. A. Duff-Cooper regretted that a division was to be taken on the motion. They had not heard any violent denunciation of the principle they were discussing.

Mr. Duff-Cooper, who returned from Paris this morning, said the effect of Mr. Chamberlain's announcement there was electric.

Mr. George Lansbury in a pacifist speech, declared that conscription would give the Government a weapon to destroy the workers' economic claims.

Convert To Conscription

Sir H. Page Croft, who confessed himself a recent convert to conscription, said that trained reserves were necessary if you were not going to have the military machine brought to a standstill within two months of the commencement of war.

The last big Labour gun was Mr. Arthur Greenwood, who said he would utter no word which would give encouragement to any dictator. He denied there was any real change in the situation since the Premier gave his pledge.

Foundering About

Mr. Greenwood criticised the Government's foreign policy as foundering about, clutching one straw after another. Britain was entitled to some say regarding the character of the help she should bring to a common problem. It was no reflection on her foreign friends to say that this island kingdom, with its far-flung dominions and colonies had troubles to face which they did not fully appreciate.

With our other responsibilities we could not be expected to provide an army on the Continental scale. If the territorial army continued enlisting at the present rate for a few months, there would be the many volunteers as the net proceeds of the Government's conscript measure.

Actually Mr. Chamberlain's recruitment might be a minus quantity. "British Labour warns potential aggressors that it will fight for and battle with a Government which is so afraid of the spirit of our people that it must compel a very narrow section of the people."

Military Balance Sheet

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, concluding the debate, gave a military balance sheet. The actual number in the regular army was 204,000 compared with an establishment of 224,000. The territorial army was 107,000 compared with an establishment of 325,000. The anti-aircraft army was 80,000 compared with an establishment of 90,000. Recruits came in during April at the rate of 2,000 daily. The number of men engaged annually under the new scheme would mean that approximately the strength of the regular army will be trained.

No voluntary scheme on a part time basis could secure so rapid an accretion of trained strength.

Voluntary recruiting for the territorial army would in no way be modified.

There was military necessity for the new scheme. It placed a trained reserve of considerable proportion at the disposal of the regular army and enabled us to keep the anti-aircraft defences permanently manned.

"We must continue to rely on the voluntary system for the regular army. It will be possible under the scheme to advance or retard the age in the case where a man's curricula would be hampered. That will cover the apprentice student.

Fairest System

"The only other obligation for those called up would be 30 drills and two or three weeks in camp for three and a half years.

"It is the fairest system that could be devised.

The institution of a Ministry of Supply empowered to ensure priority of orders may be described as the conscription of industries. The principle of the conscription of wealth has long been accepted. The liberties of the individual cannot be allowed to imperil the liberties of the nation.

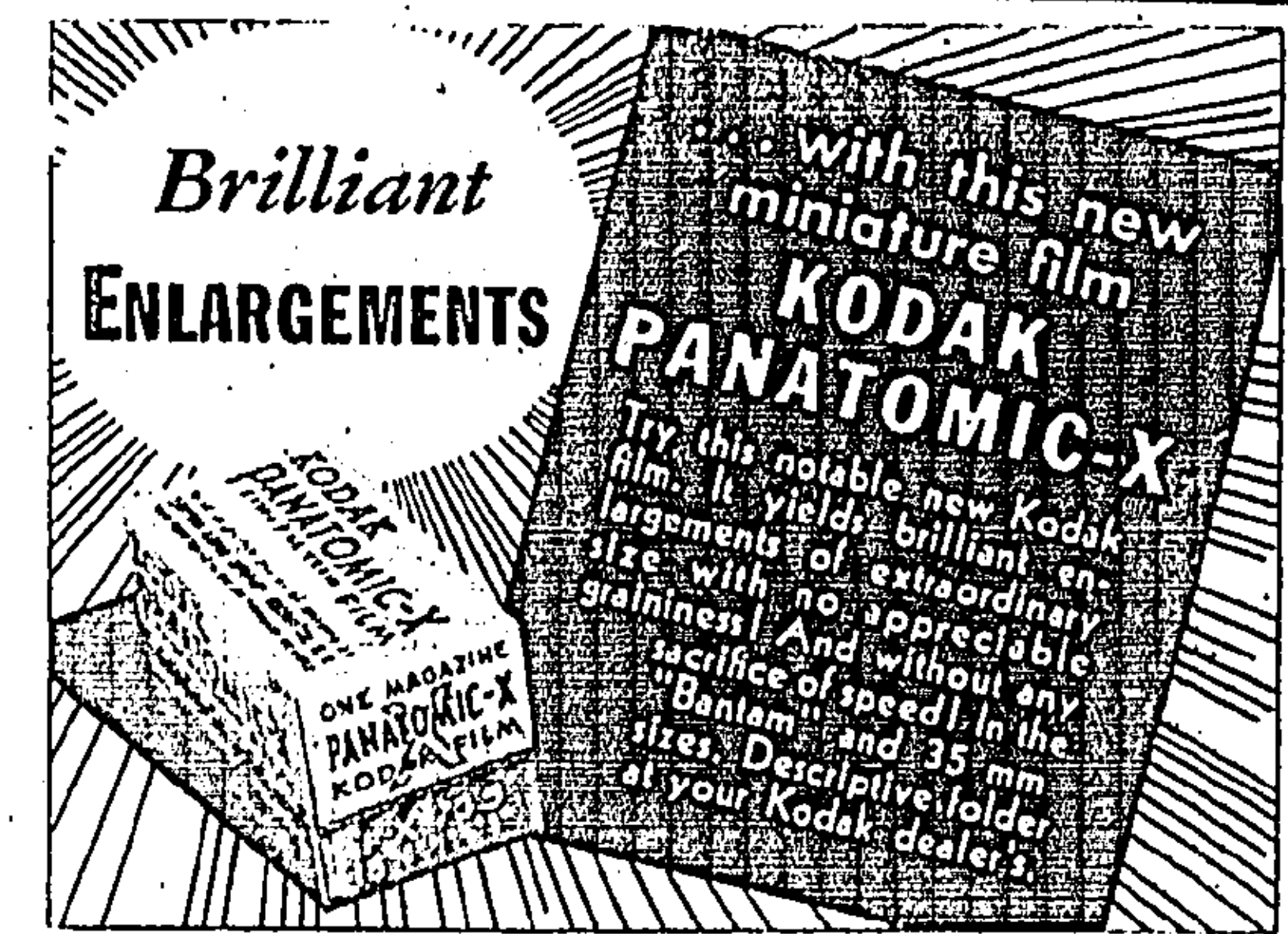
"There are fears among the Opposition, not so much of what is being done, as what may be done."

He gave them an assurance that the Government had no intention of conscripting labour.—Reuter.

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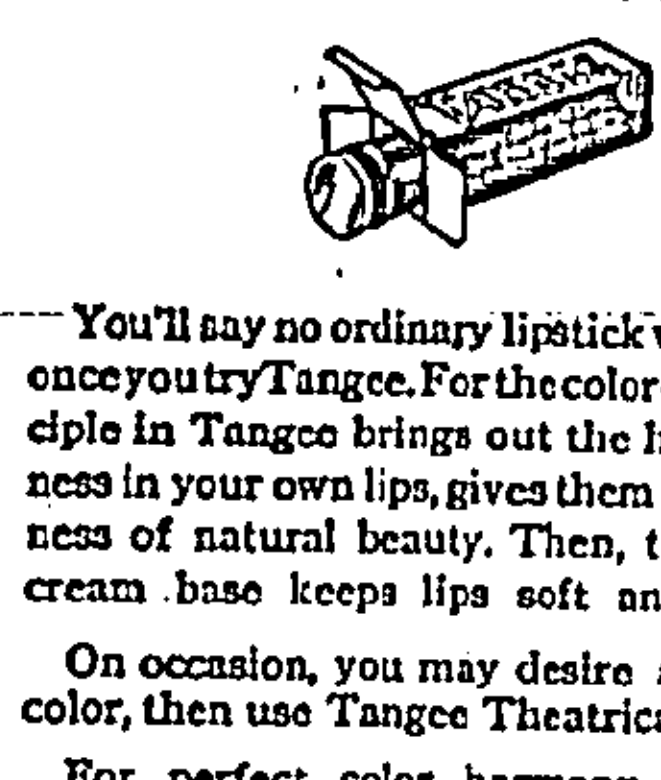
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China's rice-planting season has arrived. In No Man's Land in Kwangtung, hundreds of peasants are planting their rice between the Chinese and Japanese lines, unmindful of the hail of shells and bullets about them, and even taking pot shots at any enemy who appears. But hundreds of thousands of square miles of Japanese-occupied territory will not be planted this season.

Here is the latest news from China's war fronts, gathered by "Trans-Ocean", "United Press", "Central News" and "Domei".

BITTER BATTLE IN KIANGSI CAPITAL

ALTHOUGH CHINESE reports yesterday that Nanchang had been recaptured proved premature, heavy fighting is now in progress in the Kiangsi capital, which is rapidly being pounded to ruins by shells and fire.

The famous city, which remained inviolate to 800 centuries of invasion until the Japanese came last month, was semi-razed when the evacuating Chinese set the torch to its ancient buildings.

To-day, the shattered ruins of last month are steadily being pounded to dust. Many large conflagrations are raging in the areas saved from the March conflagration.

Japanese Make Stand
Chinese military advisers admit that the Japanese are making a stand at the Nanchang aerodrome, which is on the western outskirts of the city.

The fighting there is described as "particularly severe."

Fenghsien, 23 miles west of Nanchang, is almost completely surrounded by the Chinese.

But the Japanese are rushing heavy reinforcements along the Nanchang-Kiukiang railway from the Yangtze.

These troops are proceeding from Kiukiang to Tahan by rail and are then being taken overland in lorries. The railway between Tahan and Nanchang is in possession of the Chinese guerrillas who descended from the Lushan Mountains when the Japanese captured Kuling earlier this month.

Chinese Planes Bomb Rail
In order to hamper the Japanese lines of communication, the Chinese air force has been carrying out an unprecedented series of raids on Kiukiang and on the Kiukiang-Nanchang railway.

Wharves, godowns and ships at Kiukiang have been heavily bombed, and Chinese sources claim that at least one Japanese troopship has been sunk.

Bombing operations along the railway are reported to have broken the line at several points. The Chinese planes bombed and machine-gunned a train, and claim to have wrecked it.

Overlook City
Fenghuangshan and Yachushan, which are in Chinese hands, and a constant Chinese artillery fire is now being directed from these hills into the city below.

The Chinese are also launching an enveloping attack on Tsinan, 30 miles north-west of Nanchang.

UNIVERSITY BOMBED

YENPING, Apr. 28.—The Amoy University, which has been removed from Amoy to Changting, in west Fukien near the Kiangsi border, was the target of a severe Japanese aerial attack yesterday afternoon.

Three Japanese planes broke into Changting, dropping some 15 high explosives on the University. Many casualties were inflicted and the extent of material damage was considerable.—Central News.

Drive On Tahan
Despite Japanese bayonet charges and the employment of tanks, the Chinese still hold Koonan and the surrounding heights.

A new threat to the Japanese has developed with the appearance of a large army of Chinese guerrillas—believed to be portion of the

army which came down from the Lushan Mountains—near Tahan, the railway city midway between Kiukiang and Nanchang.

The positions on the other fronts appear relatively quiet.

Peasants Till
In Kwangtung, the Chinese peasants are actually planting their rice between the Japanese and Chinese lines in the Fuhkien front.

Though constantly under fire, the farmers are carrying on their work in an effort to get it completed before the rainy season.

Most of the farmers are armed, and take pot shots at any enemy who appears in sight.

Confirmation of reports that large numbers of Japanese reinforcements are being landed in an effort to halt the Chinese offensive in Kwangtung is forthcoming from Chinese military sources.

It is believed that at least 10,000 Japanese troops have been despatched to reinforce the sorely pressed Yungki, Kweichow and Kowkong sectors.

River Swarming
The West River is reported to be swarming with Japanese boats.

Fighting is still in progress with undiminished intensity on the Sunwui front. The Japanese appear to be attempting to capture the entire Kowkong-Tolsan railway area.

In an attempt to outflank the Chinese, large forces of Japanese were landed from warships yesterday at Tanshuihow and Kunyri, two railway cities on the north bank of the Tamkong River.

WAR RISKS IN EAST
TOKYO, Apr. 28.—In view of the tense situation in Europe, a joint conference has been held between representatives of the Marine Insurance Underwriters Association and authorities of the Commerce and Industry Ministry, regarding the question of war risk.

The Underwriters Association urged the Commerce and Industry Ministry to institute re-insurance by the Government or to organize a semi-official corporation to underwrite such re-insurance. No commitment has yet been made, but it is understood that the Government authorities will decide either way before long.—Domei.

U.S. SANCTIONS AGAINST JAPAN
WASHINGTON, Apr. 27. SENATOR KEY PITTMAN to-day introduced into Congress a resolution empowering the President, after ten days notice, to place an embargo on all exports to Japan, except agricultural products.

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Congress would not have power to veto the proclamations. Senator Pittman told the Press that the proposed legislation is necessary so that our Government will have authority to cause the restrictions imposed on our citizens in China.

"At the present time, and for many months, the Japanese Government in its conquest of China, has been endangering the lives of our citizens and restricting their rights and privileges by violating the guarantees of the Nine Power Treaty."

"Our Government for months has been protesting to Japan without success. This resolution places in the President's hands power which will probably aid him in facilitating an understanding with Japan."—United Press.

THE PACIFIC Defence Conference in Wellington, N.Z. held its final meeting yesterday, says a Reuter message.

TIME BOMB FOUND IN N. Y. K. SHIP
Shanghai Attempt At Sabotage
DISCOVERY OF a time bomb aboard a N.Y.K. liner has frustrated what appears to have been a deliberate attempt to set fire to the ship after it left Shanghai.

Only meagre details of the incident have been released, and the name of the Japanese ship is not revealed.

A "Domei" message states that an incendiary mechanism was discovered aboard the vessel in Shanghai, shortly before she was due to sail. It is not stated whether the vessel was en route to Hongkong or Japan.

According to Shanghai newspaper files, the only N.Y.K. ships in port at the time the incident was stated to have taken place were the Anshing Maru, Hokkaido Maru, Nagasaki Maru, Tateyama Maru and Lisbon Maru.

No Visitors To Ships
As a result of the discovery, the Japanese authorities in Shanghai have prohibited all visitors from boarding N.Y.K. ships.

Similar instructions were issued in Shanghai yesterday by the Messageries Maritimes Line.

The Shanghai office of the French company has issued an order, under instructions from Paris, barring all visitors to M. M. Ships.

A "Domei" message states that the order reflects French nervousness regarding sabotage following the recent disastrous fire in the s.s. Paris.

A desperate battle was raging yesterday, according to Chinese sources, in the suburbs of Nanchang, provincial capital of Kiangsi, which the Chinese claim to have re-captured. Hand to hand fighting is continuing, say the Chinese. From Tokyo came news of a possible Cabinet crisis over a reported German proposal to convert the Anti-Comintern Pact, in which Japan, with Germany, Italy and Hungary is a partner, into a military alliance against the democracies. The Japanese War Minister is said to favour the idea. It is opposed by the Navy on the grounds that it might involve sending the Japanese fleet to European waters.



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Congress would not have power to veto the proclamations. Senator Pittman told the Press that the proposed legislation is necessary so that our Government will have authority to cause the restrictions imposed on our citizens in China.

"At the present time, and for many months, the Japanese Government in its conquest of China, has been endangering the lives of our citizens and restricting their rights and privileges by violating the guarantees of the Nine Power Treaty."

"Our Government for months has been protesting to Japan without success. This resolution places in the President's hands power which will probably aid him in facilitating an understanding with Japan."—United Press.

THE PACIFIC Defence Conference in Wellington, N.Z. held its final meeting yesterday, says a Reuter message.

KING TO TRAVEL IN FORMER GERMAN LINER
London, Apr. 27.

In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Chamberlain announced that the King and Queen will travel to Canada on the Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of Australia, instead of the battleship Repulse.—United Press.

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Australia (21,000-ton) was formerly the German liner Tirpitz. It was handed over to Britain after the Great War, under the terms of the Versailles Treaty.

"Trans-Ocean" reports that the Canadian liner will be escorted across the Atlantic by the cruisers Glasgow and Southampton. H.M.S. Repulse will remain in European waters.

"United Press" states that Mr. Chamberlain, in making the announcement in the House of Commons, said that the Government considered it better that the battleship Repulse, on which it had been originally intended that Their

Majesties should travel, should not, under the existing circumstances, leave European waters.

Council To Act For The King
LONDON, Apr. 27.

It is learned that five Counsellors of State will be appointed under the Great Seal to act for the King during his absence in Canada.

The Queen, who must be included because of the special provisions of the Regency Act of 1937, will be one, and the others, the Duke of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent, the Princess Royal, and the Princess Arthur of Connaught.—Reuter.

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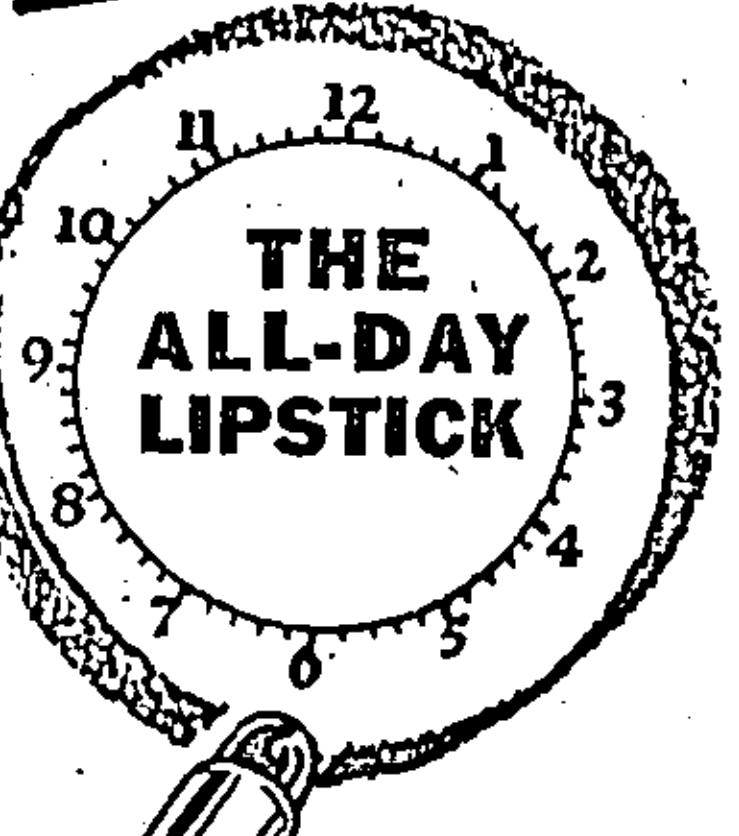
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TRAFFIC DAY

MOTORISTS IN COURT

Magistrate To Visit Scene

G. KELLY, of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company, was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning for failing to keep well to the left of the road when rounding a bend at Park Road in his car, No. 1328, on April 6.

Kelly pleaded not guilty, saying that he was forced to pull out in order to pass a car which was parked at the bend.

Traffic-Sergeant Sargent said he was going up Park Road and was about to go around a bend near the Police Station when he saw Kelly coming around on the wrong side of the road. Kelly was from two to three feet from his officer, but it was about 15 feet from the bend. The car belonged to a police officer, Sgt. Harris.

Blind Bend

Questioned by the Magistrate, Sgt. Sargent agreed that from Kelly's point of view, the bend was rounding was a blind one, and he could not see there was a car parked around it. Kelly was going at a speed between 15 and 20 miles per hour. Witness said that in his opinion, 15 miles per hour was a safe speed in which to drive down Park Road.

After studying a plan the Sergeant had drawn of the position of the vehicles when he first saw them, his Worship remarked that it appeared the other car had been badly parked. He adjourned the summons to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, in order to visit the scene himself.

Oblique Parking

M. von Hassel, of Messrs. Jensen and Company, was fined \$10 for allowing his car, No. 4270, to cause an obstruction in Queen's Road Central on April 1. A representative pleaded guilty on his behalf.

It was stated that Hassel had parked his car obliquely across the road, leaving it about seven feet from the side channel in such a position that traffic could only proceed in one direction.

Pte. E. Ranson, of "D" Coy., 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment, was summoned for driving Army motor lorry No. 4026 without due care and caution in Murray Road on April 5. He was fined \$10.

Acting Sub-Inspector Clarke said the summons was taken out on the complaint of Mr. D. E. Davis, Government Analyst. Mr. Davis was proceeding down Murray Road towards Connaught Road when the lorry driven by Ranson, which was one of a convoy of Army lorries proceeding up the road, overtook another lorry, causing Mr. Davis to pull up sharply to avoid a collision. The incident took place along the narrowest part of the road, by the Naval offices.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) Club. An Extraordinary General Meeting has been called by the committee on Tuesday, 2nd May, at 8 p.m. Will all members please attend.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that Dividend Warrants for all classes of shares of this Bank are now ready. Shareholders are requested to apply for them at the Head Office No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Central, or through any of the Branch Offices of the Bank, or Bank of Canton, San Francisco.

By order of the Board of Directors
M. Y. TANG,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 22, 1939.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Fifty-Eighth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 18th May, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th May to the 18th May, 1939, both days inclusive.

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General Agents.
Hongkong, 27th April, 1939.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Fifty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 25th May, 1939, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th May to the 8th June, 1939 inclusive.

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German Troops On Move

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extensive measures to defend Gibraltar as she is taking to-day. The paper concludes by asking what imaginary perils these measures are destined to avert.—Trans-Ocean.

PANAMA, Apr. 27.—The United States fleet, which is returning to the Pacific, to-day began passage through the Panama Canal.

The international tension was reflected by the fact that machine-guns were guarding the Canal and locks, which is an unprecedented precaution in peace time.—Reuter.

U.S. Fleet Precautions
CHEROKEE, Apr. 27.—The United States Consul has been informed that "in view of the present situation," the proposed visit to Cherbourg of the U.S.S. destroyers Benham and Elliot, and the submarine Saury has been cancelled.—Reuter.

Sgt. Palmery, of the 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment, has reported that an electric table fan, valued at \$40, was stolen from the Officers' Mess yesterday.

G. R. REGISTRATION of BRITISH SUBJECTS

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NEWS IS KNOWLEDGE

QUESTION: Which is the largest library in the world?
ANSWER: The claim to be largest is now advanced for the Library of Congress in Washington. It is said to contain 9,841,494 volumes and pamphlets.

Q: Is the Congress Library also the most important?
A: No; that distinction is held by the British Museum Library, followed closely by the Bibliotheque Nationale, the State Library of France.
Q: How many volumes and manuscripts are there in the British Museum Library?
A: More than 4,000,000. The French State library contains about 4,500,000 items.

Reichstag Speech

HITLER MAY END NAVAL PACT

LONDON, Apr. 28. INFORMED CIRCLES believe that Herr Hitler may denounce the Anglo-German Naval Pact in his Reichstag speech to-night, as Germany's reply to the British Conscription measure.

It has been learned from official sources in Washington that the United States will officially ignore any reference to

Roosevelt's peace plea which Hitler may make in his speech. It is considered in official circles that the Reichstag speech will not constitute an official reply to the President's telegram.—United Press.

Britain Would Save Five Battleships

If Hitler denounces the Anglo-German Naval Treaty Britain will be released from the obligation to scrap five 30,000-ton, fifteen-inch-gun battleships of the Royal Sovereign class.

Germany has already been notified that the Admiralty intend to scrap two of these battleships. This has been done in accordance with the Anglo-German Naval Treaty by which Britain agreed that the German naval building programme would provide for gradual additions to the fleet up to 1942.

The British replacement programme (which could not begin until 1937 under the Washington Treaty) is also to be spread over several years, the last of the new battleships not coming into service until 1943.

Built During War
In return for the promise to scrap the five ships of the Royal Sovereign class, Germany agreed not to build two new warships.

The Royal Sovereign class are the Reginald Purcell, Ramilies, and Revenge. All were built during the war. Each one has been refitted in the last ten years, the total cost being more than £10,000,000.

They carry eight 15-inch guns, twelve 6-inch guns, eight 4-inch anti-aircraft guns, four torpedo tubes, and more than twenty light guns and multiple machine guns. Their speed is 23 knots.

All are superior to any existing German battleship, in gun-power and armour.

The Royal Sovereigns would not be needed in line of battle in the event of war. They would be the guardians of Britain's food convoys.

"No raiding cruiser," Mr. Churchill has said, "would dare to come within range of their 15-inch guns."

Will Refuse To Consider Speech
Washington, Apr. 27. President Roosevelt will refuse to consider Herr Hitler's speech as a reply to his appeal, according to high quarters.

The official attitude is that the President expects a written reply to a written appeal, in accordance with diplomatic procedure, and there will therefore be no official American comment on Hitler's speech.—Reuter.

Mussolini Silent
Rome, Apr. 27. The Italian answer to President Roosevelt's message will not be communicated, it was reported this evening.

The recent speech of Signor Mussolini, and the Reichstag address by Herr Hitler will provide a sufficient reply, it was declared.—Trans-Ocean.

Attacks On Britain
Berlin, Apr. 27. On the eve of Hitler's speech the German Press has redoubled its attacks on Britain.

One authoritative source asserted that relations are now close to a war-time basis.

The "Nacht Aus Gabe" says in a state of peace there is a state of war with regard to Germany. The English Government within the last few days has been so talkative that there can be no doubts as to its intentions.

Other papers ridicule British conscription as "bluff."—United Press.

Cost Of Living Is Down In Colony, Figures Show

FOODSTUFFS are cheaper in Hongkong. Statistics of wholesale prices, issued by the Statistical Office of the Imports and Exports Department this morning, indicate that they are on an average ten per cent. cheaper than was the case a year ago.

Prices then, however, were a record, and the prices to-day are about as high as they were early in 1937—a record year only exceeded by 1938.

Compared with 1935, food prices have risen by almost 60 per cent. The Government statistics, which are based on wholesale and not retail prices, cover most of the popular foodstuffs.

For the purpose of comparison, the Statistical Office takes the year 1922 as an average, and prices for subsequent years show increases and decreases in comparison with the 1922 prices.

How It Has Varied
If you remember that in 1922 you bought certain quantities of the foodstuffs mentioned below for one dollar, you will see how the prices have varied since that year.

	1922	1935	1938	1st Qr. 1939
Beans	\$1	\$7.27	\$1.30	\$1.21
Beef	1	1.23	1.78	2.35
Eggs	1	.73	1.03	1.17
Flour	1	.60	1.10	1.17
Fresh Fruit	1	2.01	3.03	2.74
Condensed Milk	1	1.11	1.30	1.32
Mutton	1	.49	1.34	1.17
Pork	1	.77	1.24	1.45
Potatoes	1	.60	1.34	1.45
Poultry	1	.80	1.18	1.35
Rice	1	.68	1.25	1.11
Sugar	1	.43	.80	.86

Meats, as can be seen from the table, have increased enormously in price. Beef cost 150 per cent. more than in 1922 and has doubled in price since 1935.

Mutton and pork, cheaper now than in 1935, is nevertheless twice as costly as in 1935.

Sugar costs twice as much as in 1935.

Apart from foodstuffs, the cost of everything in the Colony is lower during the first three months of this year than in the corresponding period last year.

Costs of textiles have decreased by 17 per cent., of metals and minerals by nine per cent., and of miscellaneous goods by eight per cent.

But the latter group, firewood has reached record prices. What you could buy for a dollar in 1922, or for 74 cents in 1935, now costs \$1.28.

BEIRUT, Apr. 27.—The Mufti of Jerusalem has decided not to travel to Cairo with other Palestine Arab leaders to participate in discussions on the British proposals to solve the Palestine problem.—Reuter.

Bad Weather Delays Plane

May Race Through To H.K. To-night

THE AIR FRANCE plane, which was due to reach Hongkong on Wednesday, was held up at Fort Bayard this afternoon for the second time in three days.

The plane hopped off from Hanoi at 1.10 p.m. and at 3.30 p.m. was grounded at Fort Bayard by the weather. If the visibility clears, the plane may race through to reach Hongkong at 5.30 p.m.

The plane was held up for the first time at Fort Bayard on Wednesday, and was bogged in the wet landing ground for 24 hours. Yesterday the pilot decided to return to Hanoi instead of coming through to Kai Tak.

It is understood that Mr. Martin, the Operations Manager and another high executive of the French air-line are aboard the plane, and Mr. P. Y. Wang, chairman of the C.N.A.C.

British Music For World's Fair

Mr. William Walton has withdrawn his violin concerto from the concert of new British music which are being arranged by the British Council for the New York World's Fair in June. He has taken this step because he finds that he will be unable to complete the work in time.

The first two movements are, however, finished, and Mr. Walton hopes to complete the concerto in time for it to be given its first performance by Mr. Jascha Heifetz in the early autumn in New York.

Mr. Walton has been at work on this concerto for a considerable time, and Mr. Heifetz has taken an interest in it from the beginning. He was to have played it at the World's Fair.

The arrival of the Philippines Clipper has been delayed to May 5. The China Clipper will arrive on Sunday and will depart on the following day.

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6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Two Dreams got together; (b) Stopt Beating around the Mulberry Bush; (c) Heart and Soul; (d) Don't cross your fingers.

6.14 Records: On The Beach At Bali-Bali (Meskill-Silver); I Met My Waterloo (Boswell-Schwartz); Connie Boswell (Vocal) with Bob Crosby and His Orchestra.

6.21 (a) One Song; (b) If Dreams come true; (c) Love is where you find it; (d) A-Tisket A-Tasket.

6.35 Records: The Punch and Judy Show (Black); Dance Of The Raindrops (Evans); Rudy Starita (Xylophone) with Piano and Saxophone; "The King Steps Out"—Waltz Medley; The Keyboarders (Two Pianos and Drums).

6.44 (a) Cowboy and the Lady; (b) I found my Yellow Basket; (c) Confessin'; (d) China Town.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 B. B. C. Recording—"Songs From The Show."

A Programme of Tunes from English Musical Comedies arranged and produced in the London studios of the British Broadcasting Corporation by John Watt.

Cast: Anona Winn; Olive Groves; Reginald Purcell; George Baker and Orchestra conducted by Leslie Woodgate.

8.00 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Champlin and Cassidy back again.

8.15 Folk Music.

Dark Eyes (Russian Gipsy Air)...
Hode and His Talmans; Le Pena (film Violette Imperiales); Gitana, Gitana (Frude and Romero)...
Raguel Meiler (Vocal) with Barcelona Municipal Orchestra (in Spanish); Scandinavian Dances; (a) Swedish Schottische; (b) Toast To King Gustav; (c) Rospigspolska; Folk Dance Orchestra conducted by Victor Olof.

8.30 London Relay—Golf—English Native Amateur Championship. An account of the morning's play from Birkdale Golf Course, Southport.

8.45 Studio—Concert by Helen Lockhart (Contralto) and E. O'Neill Shaw (Piano).

1. Recit. and Air from "Theodora"—Sweet Rose and Lily (Handel); 2. Sunday (Brahms); 3. Maria Wiesel (Max Reger)... Helen Lockhart accompanied by E. O'Neill Shaw; 4. The Lone Heart (Tchaikovsky); 5. The Coquette (Pergolesi)... Helen Lockhart accompanied by E. O'Neill Shaw; 7. Piano Solo by E. O'Neill Shaw; 8. Maria (Brahms); 9. Thou'rt Like a Lovely Flower (Canter); 10. The Sweetest Flower that Blows (Hawley)... Helen Lockhart accompanied by E. O'Neill Shaw.

9.15 London Relay—The News.

9.30 London Relay—More Food for Thought.

9.45 London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 Next week's programme.

9.55 Mozart—"The Magic Flute" Act 1.

Singers in order of appearance: Roswenge; Schoppa; Marher; Berglund; Rusch; Sohn; Berger; Tessmer; Lemnitz; Bellet; Spliter; Grossmann; Strienzen Chorus with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.

11.00 Close Down.

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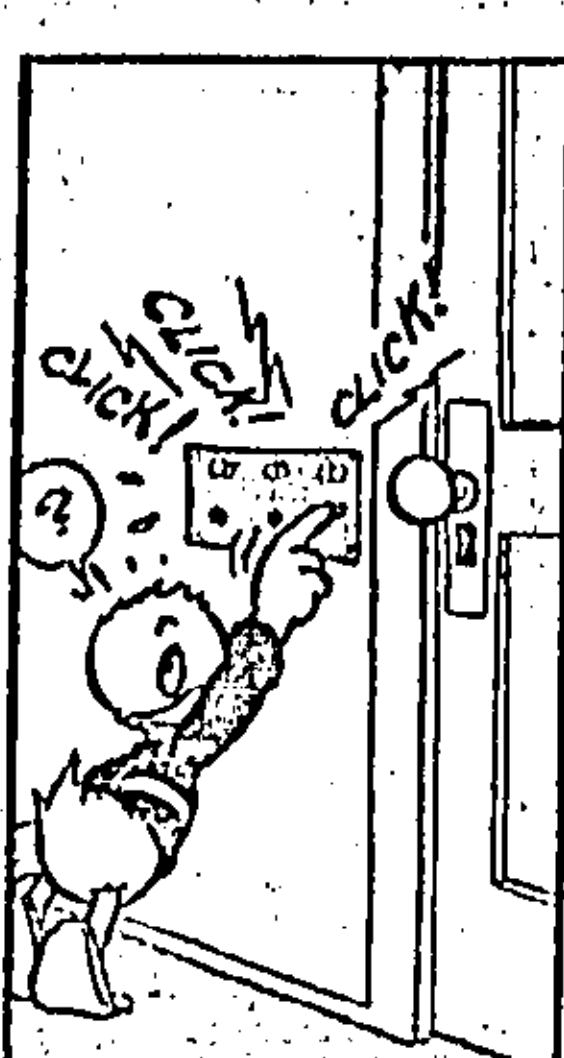
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Japan	Conto Biamanno	April 28.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kitana Maru	April 28.
Japan	Liangchow	April 28.
Japan	Montevideo Maru	April 28.
Japan	Toyama Maru	April 28.
Shanghai and Swatow	Tusima Maru	April 28.
Alia Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco	Klungchow	April 30.
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OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Alia Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and Air France Plane	K.F.O.	Fri., Apr. 28.
France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"	Reg. Ord.	Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 28, 5.30 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Reg. Ord.	Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
Strait, Ceylon, India, East Africa, British m.v. Canton	Reg. Ord.	Apr. 28, 7 p.m.
Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 26th May.	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Fri., Apr. 28.
	Reg. Ord.	Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 28, 5.30 a.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 11th May.	G.P.O. & K.F.O.	Sat., Apr. 29.
Alia Mail for "K.L.M. Airways British m.v. Canton Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 9th May.	Reg. Ord.	Apr. 29, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 29, 9.30 a.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Prominent	Sat., Apr. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Haliphong	Wong	Sat., Apr. 29, 1 p.m.
Bangkok	Ngow Hock	Sat., Apr. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Manila and Naples—due Naples, 22nd May.	Reg. Ord.	Sat., Apr. 29, 4.30 p.m.
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CHINA UNDERWRITERS' MEETING

EFFECT OF HOSTILITIES
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DUE ALMOST entirely to the fall in the Chinese National dollar exchange, the value of Shanghai securities showed a depreciation of almost one lakh, reported the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Chairman, at the annual meeting of the China Underwriters, Ltd., yesterday.

Other directors present were Dr. J. W. Anderson, Messrs. Li Tse-fong, R. A. Dastur, H. R. Sturt, and E. R. Childs (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. N. V. A. Croucher, H. J. M. Figueredo, Chan Hau-po, H.

Dreyer, E. I. R. Leitao, I. W. Shewan and Wong Ka-choy.

Presenting the report, the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen:—We have now the pleasure to lay before you our Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1938, and, as these have been in your hands for the required period, I will, with your consent, take them as read.

In the Life Assurance Department New Business premiums at \$120,471 are about the same as last year's figure.

Renewal Premiums have increased and the total premium \$601,417 shows an increase over the figure of \$641,182 last year.

Death Claims at \$87,052 show a considerable decrease from the figure of \$131,533 last year.

Claims by Maturity are reduced from \$67,054 to \$43,907.

Surrenders show an increase from \$124,738 to \$137,413.

Expenses excluding commission amounted to \$218,446 which is slightly in excess of last year.

The Life Assurance Fund shows an increase from \$891,015 to \$924,436.

COMPANY
MEETINGS

Canton Office Closed

Unfortunately, the extension of the Sino-Japanese hostilities to South China rendered necessary for us to close our Canton Office during the year. We have had a fair measure of success in collecting renewal premiums from this business, but in the circumstances there has naturally been a considerable falling off.

In the Fire Insurance Department Premiums at \$102,859 compare with the figure of \$102,998 in 1937.

Claims at \$46,267 show a reduction from the figure of \$55,556 last year.

Expenses, excluding Commission, have been reduced from \$22,539 to \$20,356.

The Fire Insurance Fund has increased from \$78,077 to \$93,148.

In the Marine Insurance Department Premiums at \$122,042 show an increase over the figure of \$110,303 last year, the increase being largely due to the collection of War Risk premiums.

Claims at \$40,140 show a very considerable reduction from the high figure of \$102,975 last year, which, it will be remembered, arose largely from the payment of Typhoon claims.

The present figure is, moreover, considerably lower than the 1936 figure.

Expenses, excluding Commission, at \$35,823 are about the same as last year, and the Fund has increased from \$127,020 to \$167,802.

The result in the Accident Department have not been satisfactory owing to a heavy claim experienced in one section of the business which has been discontinued.

The Premiums show a reduction from \$50,945 to \$44,176, and the Fund shows a decrease from \$32,396 to \$20,513.

After transferring \$50,000 to General Reserve account there remains a balance in Profit and Loss Account of \$16,659.

The principal feature in the Balance Sheet calling for comment is the valuation of securities.

Securities Depreciation

Excluding securities in Chinese Currency represented by our holding in Shanghai Debentures, the fluctuations in the value of securities approximately balanced out, but the value of the Shanghai securities in Chinese National Dollars show a depreciation of nearly £K. \$100,000, almost entirely due to the fall in the National Dollar exchange. This depreciation is given effect to in the Balance Sheet as a reduction in the Investment and Exchange Reserve which stands at \$107,419 compared with \$200,350 last year.

There has been an increase in the loans on Company's policies from \$496,091 to \$587,038.

Mortgages show an increase, and the total assets of the Company appear at \$2,010,087 compared with \$2,781,213 at the end of last year.

It will be noticed that the uninvested Cash stands at only \$178,279 as compared with the figure of \$247,007 at the end of 1937 as our Funds were more fully invested.

A call of \$1.-per share was made on the Company's shares on the 1st December 1938 payable on or before the 15th March 1939. The response to this may be considered to have been very satisfactory as practically the whole amount has been received.

A small item of \$3,175 is shown in the Balance Sheet as "Calls paid in advance," being amounts paid under the Call before 31st December 1938.

Unsuccessful Claim

You may have noticed the recent references in the local Press to a Fire claim which was contested by the Company on grounds of fraud.

The Claim was in respect of total insurance to the value of \$150,000 of which this Company, among others, held the leading share. By agreement the Action instituted by the Insured was in the nature of a test action against us as the leading Company, and I am glad to say that the result was entirely in our favour, judgment with costs being awarded.

THE STEAMBOAT COMPANY

FIGHT FOR
SURVIVAL

— Hon Mr. M. K. Lo

DESPITE A profit of \$371,239.69 shown for the past year by the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Ltd., the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman at the Annual Meeting this morning concluded his report with a note of warning concerning the immediate future.

"We have benefited," he said, "from the abnormal conditions which prevailed most of last year."

"But he must be a bold person who, in utter disregard of the portent of the dark clouds gathering ahead of him, would dare to view the immediate future with any degree of complacency or optimism."

"The best that I can say of the Company's affairs is that, for the first quarter of the current year, we have survived such competition as it has not been our misfortune to meet for some time."

"Faced with such conditions, it has not been a matter of trading to produce an adequate return on capital invested, but to struggle to survive from going under."

"Until it is generally realised and appreciated that advancing in the river trade can prove to be costly, I fear we must continue to expect the worst."

Directors present were Messrs. Li Tse-fong, J. P. Braga, O.B.E., T. F. Lo (alternate director for Sir Robert Ho Tung) and D. F. Landale.

Shareholders present were Messrs. M. H. Lo, W. E. Kirby, W. A. Hung, Wei Tat, Luk Pak-to, Kwan Yau-kuang, Wong Chik and M. Fernandez.

Presenting the report, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo said.

\$460,000 Profit

The profit for the year, after providing for depreciation of steamers at the usual rate, repairs, etc., is \$460,122.28. From this balance the special depreciation of wharves and Canton properties and the Reserve for wharf repairs have been deducted, leaving a net profit of \$371,239.69.

The Directors recommend that the following should be appropriated out of profits:

To pay a dividend of \$1 per share	\$ 80,000.00
To pay a Bonus to Share and Floating Staffs	8,404.00
To carry forward to the Profit and Loss Account for 1939	282,755.69
	\$371,239.69

During the year under review river shipping enjoyed boom conditions and suffered practical stagnation in sharp contrast. The extraordinary activity which prevailed for the better part of the year quickly gave place to almost a cessation of trade with the capture of Canton and the closing of the Pearl River to navigation on October 13, 1938.

Irregular Returns

As was to be expected from the unsettled conditions, passenger returns were irregular. There were periods when all available bottoms were needed to cope with the abnormal traffic resulting from the ensuing panic which followed the bombing of the city of Canton and the cessation of the railway service, and others when the exodus travelled overland because of dangers which were rumoured to exist in navigation in the river.

to us without our having to call any evidence.

The actual net amount at risk to us, after allowing for reinsurance, was small, and any balance of costs which may prove irrecoverable is more than provided for by the reserve included under the heading of Claims.

In conclusion I should like to place on record our appreciation of the valued co-operation of the Managing Director, Branch Managers, Secretaries and Staff, and I have now pleasure in proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1938. When the report is re-acted, I shall be pleased to answer any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. N. V. A. Croucher seconded the report and accounts which were unanimously adopted.

Messrs. H. A. Dastur and Li Tse-fong were re-elected directors, and Messrs. Lowe, Dingham and Matthews, Chartered Accountants, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, Incorporated Accountants were re-elected auditors.

With the closing of the Pearl River the Macao line became the focus of attention. Every available tonnage appeared to have concentrated on this line; not only were there ships from the Canton line, but not a few of the West River steamers also made their appearance.

It was true that the business in this line had improved considerably with the intensification of the Japanese blockade of Canton, but it did not seem possible that the needs of a line, catered for by three steamers in normal times, could expand to the extent of accommodating four times that number of steamers. As was to be expected, cutthroat competition developed with concomitant results which I need not labour.

During the second and third quarters of the year the earnings of Company's Canton line steamers surpassed all expectations. Freight offerings assumed such proportions that, with the friendly co-operation of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire and the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., the Company was placed in a position to charter the s.s. Wuhsang and the s.s. Pingwo at rates which proved profitable to the Company. The activities of the two chartered steamers were confined to the transportation of rice to Canton between the months of February and May.

A factor which contributed to the great improvement in the year's Canton line cargo returns may be said to have been the disappearance of junks and lighters as competitive carriers in the river.

Macao Line Returns

Macao line returns fluctuated. The beginning of the year found Company's steamers' earnings very satisfactory, but from May onward intense competition gave the Directors anxious moments. The commissioning of two steamers which had been laid up for years cut into our fair share of cargo and passengers then offering and, in addition, resulted in the stoppage of a subsidy which until then Company's steamers had been receiving from certain Macao interests. On the whole, Company's steamers may be said to have held their own in that line during the year.

Once again the Directors wish to thank the Staffs, both Ashore and Floating, for their loyalty and willing and whole-hearted co-operation, which is really appreciated. The period under review was one of unusual activity and anxiety and the staffs, one and all, gave of their best to serve the interests of the Company. I feel sure that I voice your gratification also when I say that nothing gives the Board greater pleasure than to be in a position to recommend the payment of the proposed bonus to the Staffs.

Your Directors have, as usual, been unflinching in their efforts towards the economical running of your steamers. Cost of coal and stores, unfortunately, was considerably higher than in the previous year, the first-named in particular having increased nearly \$10.00 per ton in cost. The amount of \$25,079.30, that is proposed should be written off the value of your steamers, represents the usual five per cent. of their book value.

Canton Properties Written-off

Concerning the Company's Canton properties, the Directors have considered it advisable to write off a part of their book value. They trust you will approve their decision as, having regard to existing conditions, it is their considered opinion that a more conservative estimate should be taken of the value of the properties.

In October last Company's Godown in Canton went up in smoke in the conflagration which lasted several days. The book value of the old building has been written off and the amount is included in the sum charged to depreciation of the whole Canton properties.

Godown was insured, but not against War Risks, as covers for such were not obtainable.

In connection with that the Directors are pleased to be able to

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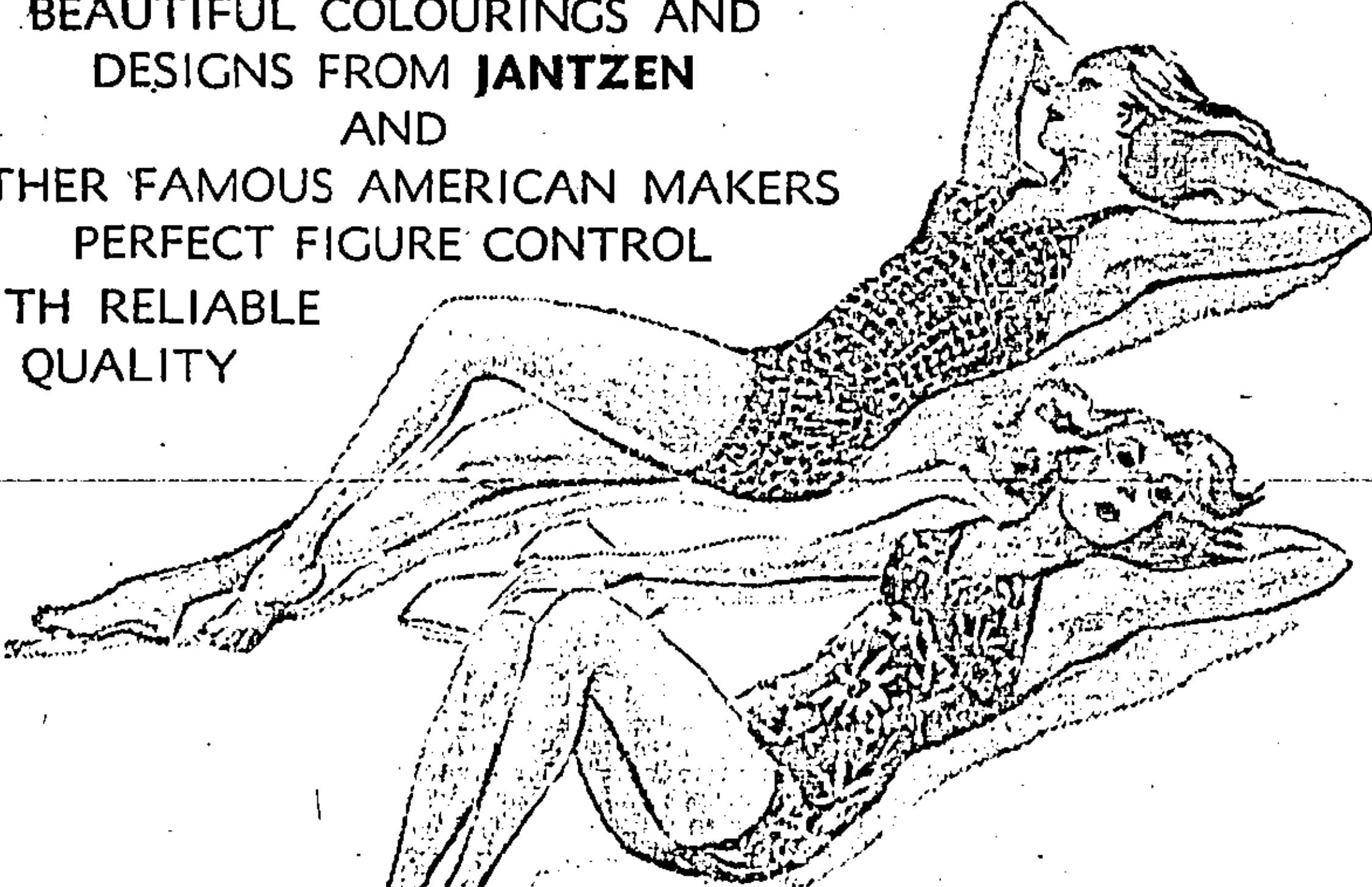
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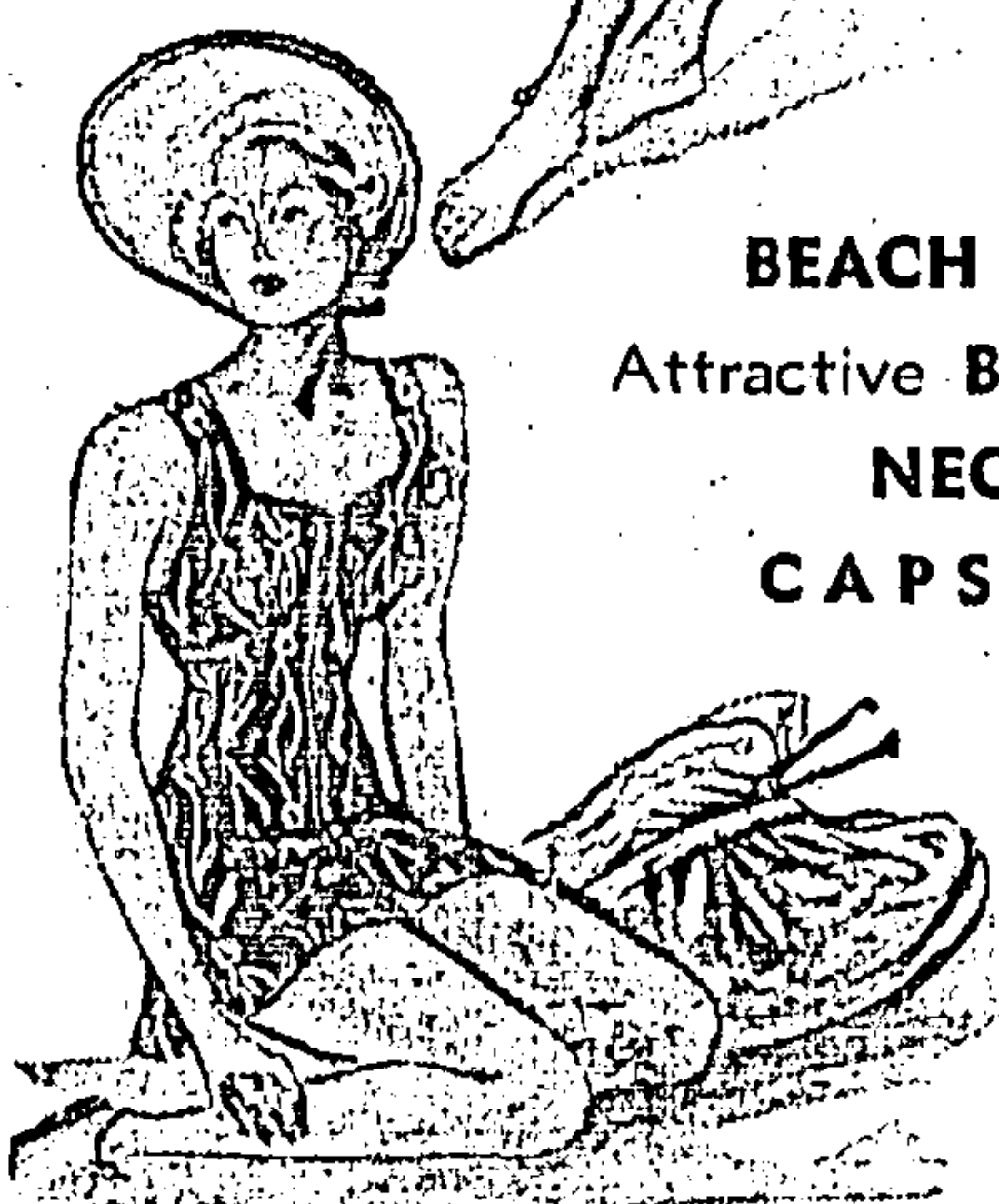
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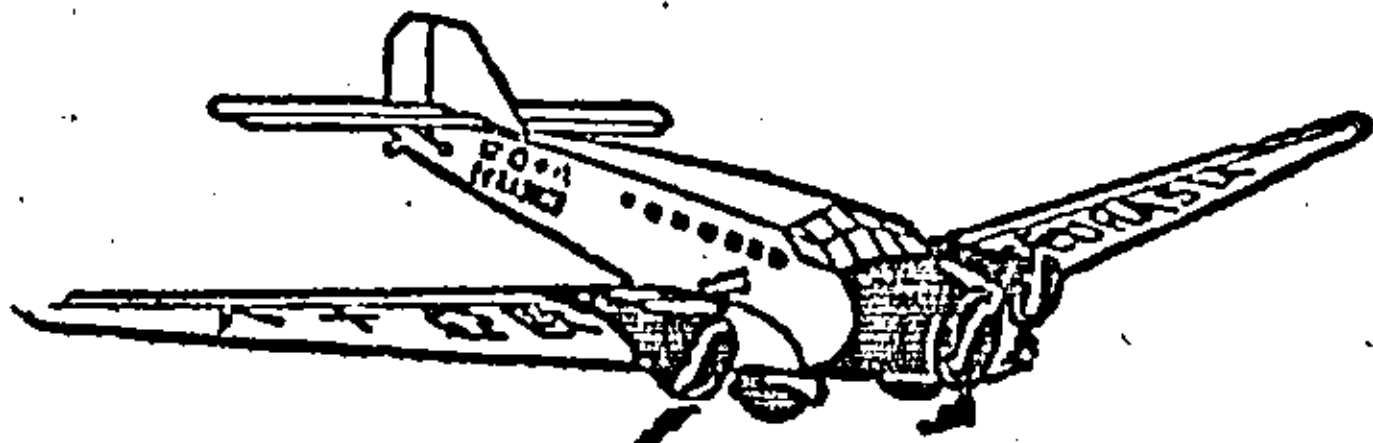
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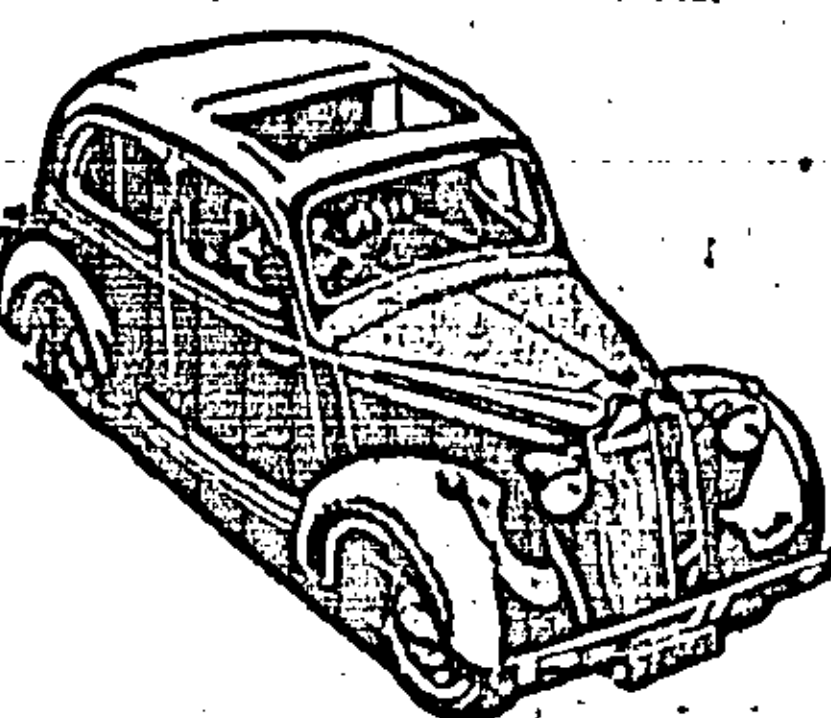
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One Man's Word

BY TO-MORROW morning the world will know whether world peace is again to be threatened by the refusal of the German Fuehrer to give the guarantees of non-aggression, against 31 nations requested by President Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt had presented the two totalitarian dictators with a simple issue, requiring a simple answer. Herr Hitler is at liberty to call the American President a "dangerous enemy of civilisation", to denounce British Imperialism and to storm against the iniquities of democracy. The whole world will concede him the right to an opinion regarding Bolshevism—he may publicly announce that he sees in British Conscription another threat to German security.

The world does not want to hear these tirades, but it will accept them.

What the world wants to hear is a direct "yes" or "no" to President Roosevelt's question: "Are you willing to give assurances that your armed forces will not be used in future to attack Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Spain, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Poland, Rumania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Soviet Russia, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Iraq, the Arabias, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Iran, Eire, Holland, Belgium, Great Britain, France or Portugal?"

That is a simple straightforward question, requiring a straightforward answer.

The answer can come from one man, and one man only. He can, if he so desires, speak the word that will relieve the tension of the situation and ease an approach to that enduring peace in Europe for which he has so often expressed his personal longing. Just as certainly he can swing the balance towards a war of which no man can limit the scope. To rant and temporise, to give an indirect answer, would be to intensify the strain in which Europe is now subject and increase the danger that some unanticipated incident might

upset every calculation of statesmanship. There could be no lessening of defensive preparations now being made in nearly all the countries of Europe. If peace is desired the signal for peace must be given from the only country that has disturbed it.

What is happening in Berlin today is being watched not alone by the peoples of Europe, but by the democracies of America and of the British Dominions and Colonies, who see in a negative answer to President Roosevelt's appeal a growing challenge to all systems of government that have not bowed the knee to the Nazi ideal. To that, if it were seriously intended, the world would offer an unexampled resistance. That truth should be clear in the mind of Herr Hitler when he speaks in the Reichstag to-night and has the opportunity of dispelling all apprehensions.

THE general European rearmament has shown us that our action was over-hasty, and though in the last few years we have been making strenuous efforts to refill the gaping ranks of our men-of-war, we can so far produce no more than 15 capital ships, 50 cruisers, 200 destroyers, sloops and patrol boats, in addition to aircraft carriers, submarines, gunboats and auxiliaries.

There are, however, nine capital ships, 25 cruisers, 38 destroyers, 22 sloops, six carriers, 20 submarines building or projected; some of which will be delivered this year, some not until 1942 or 1943.

We need a powerful fleet for two very good reasons. One is to keep an invader away from these shores, and the other is to ensure the steady supply of imported food and raw materials upon which the country has become increasingly dependent during the last hundred years.

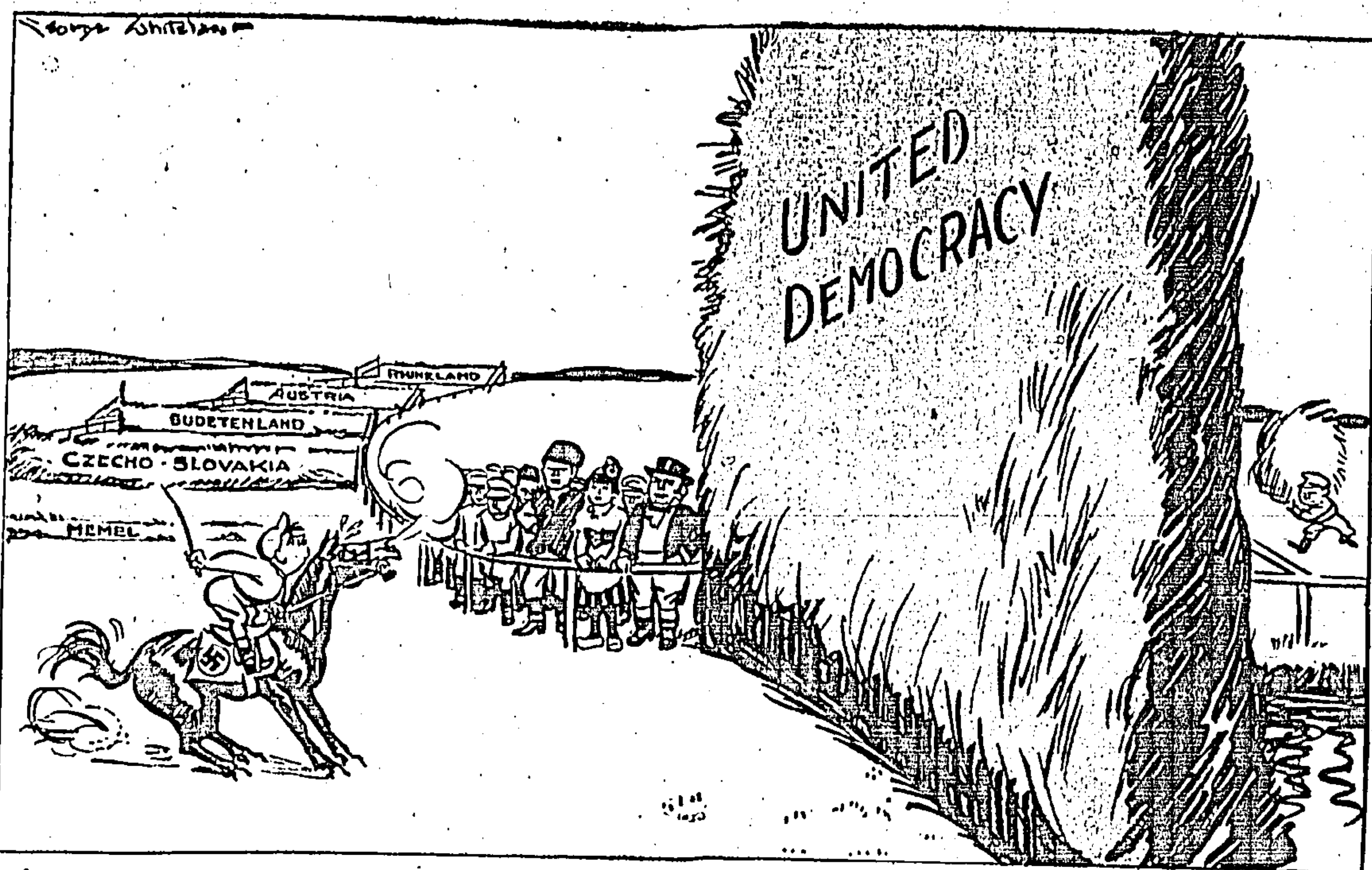
Invasion is a very distant peril, so long as we retain the command of the sea. Large numbers of soldiers were retained in this country in the last war to guard against a German raid, estimated at a possible strength of 70,000 men.

Such a raid was about as unlikely as anything could be. Consider what it would have meant. The transports required for the carriage of such a force would have numbered about 100 to 120.

TO effect a simultaneous landing and to simplify naval protection, the whole of this mass of shipping would have had to sail in one huge convoy, protected by the High Seas Fleet. The concentration of such a vast expedition would have been exceedingly difficult, and if the Grand Fleet had come across it on its way, it would have suffered a disaster without parallel in the history of the world.

For more difficult is the Navy's task of protecting the merchant shipping on which the feeding of the population and the activity of our industries depend.

The chief trouble is that whereas invasion can only take place somewhere on the comparatively limited coastal areas, the attack on our worldwide shipping can be made at any point on any of the trade routes all over the world.



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Second in a series of articles on Britain's defensive forces and the strategic preoccupations of their commanders. Commander Grenfell, a leading authority on naval strategy, was formerly on the teaching staff of the Royal Naval College at Greenwich. Advocates more commissions from the lower deck and better conditions of pay and service all round for naval ratings.

round each convoy had to be placed enough escorting warships to give a fair chance of hampering the submarine in making its attack, and of having a man-of-war in a reasonably good position to drop its depth charges from whichever direction the submarine made its approach.

The great volume of British shipping requiring anti-submarine protection caused a large number of destroyers, sloops and other small craft to be employed on that duty. During the height of the German submarine campaign, we had about 250 of these vessels on convoy escort work in the Channel, the North Sea, and the waters north and south of Ireland; while there were about another 100 in the Mediterranean.

UNFORTUNATELY, large numbers of these were broken up after the war, and we can now only produce about 130 as compared with the 350 employed in Home Waters and the Mediterranean last time. There are many who view this deficiency with grave concern, especially as the addition of air to submarine attack has intensified the protective problem.

In addition to direct protection against raiders, steps have to be taken to prevent an enemy's main fighting fleet from taking a hand in the game. That is to say, his battleships and whatever cruisers, destroyers, and aircraft carriers they may have with them. These have to be matched by a watching fleet of corresponding type but superior dimensions.

The strength needed for this purpose is therefore directly proportional to the battleship and auxiliary tonnage possessed by the other side. That is why we have had to keep pace with renewed battleship construction by Germany, Italy and Japan.

The provision of the necessary number of ships is, however, only half the battle. Rather less than half, in fact. For the men who man the ships are more important than the ships themselves. "Good men in poor ships," as a famous naval historian has said, "will nearly always beat poor men in good ships."

The recruitment of sufficient personnel of the requisite quality is therefore of at least as much importance as the actual construction programmes. Except in certain skilled branches, the Navy is getting all the men it wants. The number of officers and men has increased from 80,000 to 133,000 in five years, though it is still 12,000 below the figure for July, 1914. Certain of the officer classes are not, however, coming forward in the numbers desired. The Admiralty's explanation that the great demand for skilled men in industry is keeping the Navy short carries, however, the obvious corollary that the naval conditions of skilled service are insufficiently attractive.

THE demand for a rapid increase of numbers is almost more difficult to meet in the case of the officers than in that of the men, chiefly owing to the limited accommodation in the training colleges. Having filled these to capacity, the Admiralty then turned to the Merchant Service, and a number of mercantile officers turned over to the Royal Navy.

This step brought the natural criticism that in thus ignoring its own non-commissioned ranks, the Admiralty was betraying its off-repeated declarations in favour of promotion from the Lower Deck. It is therefore satisfactory that a recent Admiralty order should have announced a considerable increase of numbers to be drawn from this latter source.



TACT

THE map on the right is published in Schwarze Corps, newspaper of Hitler's Black Guards. The white area indicates the eastern section of the first "German Empire" between 1250 and 1400 A.D. It purports to justify Hitler's conquests in "re-creating the old historical boundaries."

The map is cut off so that it does not show how much of Mussolini's Italy is "historically" German.

On the left a sketch map completes the picture.

Germany Increases Taxation Revenue

Berlin, Apr. 27.

THE enormous increase in revenue from taxation by 4.2 milliard marks in the fiscal year of 1938-39 compared with the previous year was announced by Herr Fritz Reinhard, State Secretary of the Reich Ministry of Finance to-day.

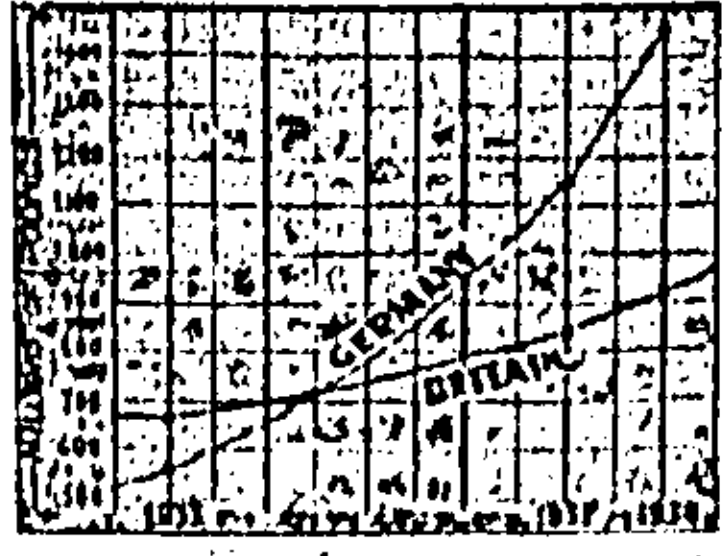


Chart shows how Germany's tax revenue, once lower than Britain's, is now higher.

Receipts from taxation increased from 14 milliard marks last year to about 18.2 milliard marks during the present fiscal year, an increase of about 30 per cent.

At the beginning of the current year, receipts from taxation yielded during the first 20 days of April about 200,000,000 marks more than for the same period in 1938.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Alleged Philippines Bonds Fraud

'NOT GUILTY' PLEA BY BUCKNER AND TWO OTHERS

NEW YORK, Apr. 27.

THE FIRST stage in the trial of William Buckner, jr., Felipe Buencamino, William Gillespie and their alleged co-conspirators, who face lengthy indictments for alleged mail fraud in connection with the Philippines Railways Bonds, opened to-day, when Judge Samuel Mandelbaum heard Buckner, Buencamino and Gillespie plead not guilty.

Hongkong Women's Gas Drill Nonchalance

GAS drill is rapidly becoming a common-place event in the lives of Hongkong women, and the gas-chamber holds no terrors.

Thirty women went through the chamber this morning, led by Mrs. Steele Perkins at the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Headquarters, and most of them went to the extent of sniffing the gas after the trip to assure themselves that there had been no deception. Tears running down their cheeks gave them that assurance.

Prior to the trip through the chamber, Mrs. Steele Perkins gave a lecture on the use and care of gas masks. They filed into the gas room in batches of six and seven, and the unvarying photographer and reporter outside were caught when the door opened. A pungent odour, more acid than vinegar, assailed them, and in almost no time eyes were watering. The class included—European, Chinese and Portuguese women. All donned their masks in a matter-of-fact manner and nonchalantly strolled in and out of the chamber as though it were an ordinary room. Those present included: Mrs. W. K. Whitehead, Mrs. R. A. Rodgers, Mrs. R. Maynard, Mrs. D. Campbell, Mrs. Butler, Miss B. Thomson, Mrs. O. Kallachoff, Mrs. C. M. Manners, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. E. Essig, Mrs. E. Loader, Miss Agnes Leong, Mrs. B. Osborne, Mrs. J. Wiley, Miss A. de Souza, Mrs. R. M. de Souza, Mrs. V. M. Morley, Miss E. Kallachoff, Mrs. A. Dumon, Mrs. Cutter, Mrs. Price and Mrs. V. R. Gordon.

U.S. Speeding Manufacture Of Planes

Washington, Apr. 27. The Army Department to-day disclosed that it is believed that the contracts for new air defences provide for the balance of 571 planes included in the Army Air Corps programme. This number will include huge bombing planes and the latest types of swift pursuit planes. Simultaneously, Assistant Secretary of War Louis Johnson announced that within a few days the War Department will award additional contracts totalling \$10,000,000 for a new type of attack bomber which has been tested recently at Dayton, Ohio.—*United Press*.

2,071 Cases Of Tuberculosis In 14 Weeks

Averaging 145 cases a week since the disease became notifiable in Hongkong in January last, the total tuberculosis incidence up to and including yesterday was 2,071, latest health returns indicate. Thirty-one new cases were added yesterday, including 21 from Victoria. Beyond this, however, the total number of new cases of diseases was notably small. There were four additions to the enteric fever incidence, three new victims of meningitis, four of measles, and one each of diphtheria, small-pox, and puerperal fever.

BONNET, GAFENCU HOLD A SPECIAL PARLEY ON SOVIET AID FOR RUMANIA

PARIS, Apr. 27.

AN ADDITIONAL conference, not included in the programme, took place between M. Gafencu and M. Bonnet this evening, the meeting lasting 45 minutes.

Men Who Gave Death Sentence Now Face It

BARCELONA, Apr. 27. THE most important trial since the capture of Barcelona started to-day, nine accused being arraigned in connection with the Republican death sentences passed on the Nationalists, General Goded, General Fernandez, and General Barrio. The defendants include members of the tribunal which passed the death sentences, Staff Commander Aymat and also the counsel who defended the Generals.—*United Press*.

Junkers Plane Due Soon Lufthansa Chief Is Aboard

HERR Baron Von Grablenz, Chief of the Nazi Lufthansa Air company, is expected to reach Hongkong to-morrow afternoon or on Sunday in the course of his goodwill flight to Japan.

It is understood that the German Consul-General, Herr H. Gipperich, and leading members of the German business community will go to Kai Tak to welcome the Baron.

Baron Grablenz has reserved passage on the Pan-American Clipper to San Francisco, and has booked through to Lima, Peru, by the subsidiary American line.

It is presumed that he will return to Hongkong after visiting Japan, and that the machine, a Junkers JU 52, will be left in Hongkong for the Eurasia Company which is short of equipment.

From Lima, the Baron is expected to take the Condor line to Rio, returning from there to Europe by Lufthansa via Bathurst and Lisbon. Official permission has been given for the German plane to land at Kai Tak.

LEAVES BANGKOK SATURDAY. The German Junkers JU 52 plane of the Lufthansa Company boarded by Baron von Grablenz and his crew of three members, arrived here from Calcutta at 1.08 this afternoon local time (2.08 p.m. Thursday Hongkong time).

The plane left Calcutta for the Siamese capital at 5.08 in the morning. Stopping here for two days, the plane will leave for Hanoi on Saturday, April 28, it was announced.—*Dome*.

Crown Lands For British Subjects

Windhoek, Apr. 27. The South-West African Legislative Assembly by 10 votes to five to-day approved the motion of Commandant von Maltitz that the Administration should amend the land settlement law so that crown lands should be available only to British subjects.

Commandant von Maltitz said he had positive information that many German-speaking British subjects had applied unsuccessfully to lease crown lands, whereas Reich Germans had been successful.

Supporting the motion, a member of the Assembly, Mr. Elliot said it was not aimed against the German section as a large number of German-speaking British subjects would benefit.—*Reuter Special*.

New Government For Bohemia, Moravia

PRAGUE, Apr. 27. THE NEW Czech "Government" for the protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia was officially announced this evening by President Hacha, with the approval of the Reich Protector, Baron von Neurath. The Government includes the following Ministers: Premier and Minister of the Interior, General Alois Elias; Minister of Finance, Dr. Josef Kalous; Minister of Education and National Culture, Dr. Jaroslav Krejci; Minister of Handicrafts and Commerce, Dr. Vlastimil Sadek; Minister of Transportation, Dr. E. Havelka; Minister of Public Works, M. Dominik Cilek; Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Ladislav Felcman; Minister of Public Health, Dr. Ladislav Klumbar.—*Trans-Ocean*.

FRENCH FINANCES New Effort To Help Credit

PARIS, Apr. 27.

IT is reported in financial circles that the French Finance Minister may shortly announce the reimbursement of France's short-term foreign indebtedness which is unofficially estimated at six milliard francs, payable in gold in case of war.

The Finance Minister is reported to be intending to proceed with the reimbursement as another step towards strengthening the Government's credit position.

It will be recalled that M. Reynaud converted three milliard francs of the French Railway loan to Amsterdam at lower rates and also converted one milliard two hundred million francs in loans to Switzerland.—*United Press*.

China's Foreign Trade

CHUNGKING, Apr. 28.—China's total imports from January to March in the current year reached \$271,740,000 and exports \$183,810,000 representing an adverse balance of \$87,930,000. As compared with the corresponding period in 1938, this year's imports showed an increase of \$42,780,000 and exports an increase of \$50,650,000.—*Central News*.

CHUNGKING, Apr. 28.—Preparations for the inauguration of an air service between Chungking and Kiating, capital of Szechwan province, are being made. A test flight will be carried out next month.—*Central News*.



M. BONNET

U.S. And Foreign Relations Debate

Aid China: Stop War: Call Bluff

WASHINGTON, Apr. 27.

BEFORE the House Foreign Affairs Committee to-day, Representative Geyer urged for legislation to permit the President to lift embargoes against nations which are the victims of aggression.

"If we continue to supply arms to those who are treaty breakers, we only assist them and strengthen our own enemies of the future," he declared.

Canon William Chase, President of the Religious Union for World Peace, urged President Roosevelt to call a conference of the signatories of the Kellogg-Briand Pact.

"We cannot keep out of war. It is our job to keep war out of the world," he maintained. He added that Japan would never have attempted the present China campaign if Mr. Stimson and the United States had "called Japan's bluff in 1931."

Professor D. F. Fleming of Vanderbilt University, urged for the recall of the United States Ambassador to Japan, to increase war loans to China, and to repeal or modify the Neutrality Law in order to prevent benefiting the aggressors.

Representative Geyer advocated the adoption of the Thomas amendments which, he said, would immediately affect the Far Eastern situation. He contended that there is no fear of a war with Japan, because she is too busy with China.

He also accused Japan of breaking the Nine Power Kellogg Pact.—*United Press*.

More Rain Is Coming Says Observatory

Nearly half an inch of rain has been added to the April figures during the last 48 hours, and so far this year 18.52 inches of rain have fallen, as compared with an average of 10.72 inches—a useful and substantial balance.

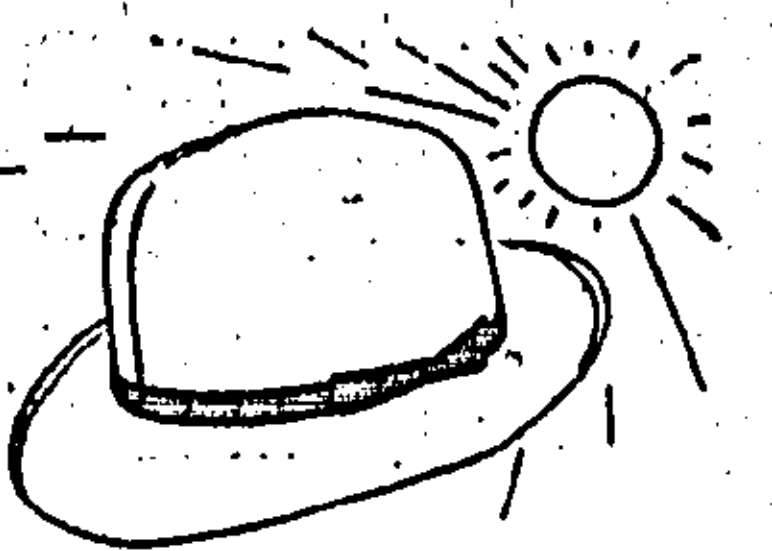
The rain is promised by the Royal Observatory, though it cautiously describes it as "occasional", adding that conditions for the next 24 hours will be cloudy, with moderate east winds.

The rain has helped to keep the temperature at slightly below average for this time of the year. The maximum yesterday was 76, and the minimum ten degrees below this. At 10 o'clock this morning, the mercury registered 67 degrees, while humidity was 69 per cent.

The weather report stated that the anti-cyclone is moving eastward and is now centred over the Eastern Sea. A ridge of high pressure remains over South China. The depression is moving into the Pacific to the north-east of Hokkaido, and another deep depression has formed over Manchuria. A shallow depression covers Tongking and central Annam.

Mystery Submarine

Philfax, Apr. 27. The Senior Naval Officer of the East Coast to-day announced that the Naval Headquarters are investigating new reports of a mystery submarine being sighted off the Tusk Islands.—*United Press*.



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LATEST FOX MOVIE TONE NEWS TO-MORROW AT THE KING'S

Revenge Killer Sentenced Sequel To Attack On Japanese

Charged with the murder of Hiroyoshi Sagara, a Japanese, Li Ping-chun, 22-year-old waiter, was found guilty of manslaughter at the Criminal Sessions this morning, and sentenced to seven years' hard labour.

Li attacked Sagara with a chopper in the Cha Heung Sut Restaurant, Vanchoi, on January 20. It was in evidence that previously he had received a letter informing him of the death of his uncle and younger brother at the hands of the Japanese and that his sister-in-law had been raped.

Mr. J. Whyatt, Crown Counsel, appeared for the prosecution and Li was defended by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. J. T. Prior, of Wilkinson and Grist. The jury were Messrs. B. J. Lacon (Foreman), R. Johnson, R. L. S. Webb, J. Wong, F. Sanchez, M. Carlo and Chan Kam-to. The case was heard by the Chief Justice, Sir Abthol MacGregor.

A.R.P. Lectures For Chinese

A course of Air Raid Warden lectures in Chinese will be held at Yau Ma Tei Government School on Wednesday at 7-8 p.m. and Saturdays at 3-4 p.m., commencing on Wednesday, May 3. The lectures will be given by Mr. Fung Yam Leung.

BRUSSELS, Apr. 28.—Premier Florin has now been given requisite powers to act partly as a dictator, although in a restricted and provisional sense, declares the "Independence Belge", commenting this morning on the action of the Belgian Chamber in passing the enabling bill by a majority of 16 votes.—*Trans-Ocean*.

The Jury were unanimous in their verdict, and passing sentence, His Lordship said: "The verdict of the Jury, which I must accept, tended to show that you had such a degree of legal provocation as would reduce the offence of murder to manslaughter. "The fact remains that you have committed a very brutal attack on an unarmed man seated in a public place in your restaurant. This is a very serious offence indeed and I shall be completely failing in my duty if I do not inflict substantial punishment."

FAVOURITES LET PUBLIC DOWN BADLY

Rain And Wet Course Responsible For Many Upsets Last Saturday BUT SPLENDID RACING PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS

(By "Captain Foster")

Racing has always many thrills to offer its devotees and there were of course many surprises at the Third Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club held last Saturday. In spite of the inclement weather the rain did not in any way dampen the enthusiasm of punters, for they were kept busy picking out the mudlarks, and the popping up of a few rank outsiders certainly enlivened the meet.

Favourites had a lean afternoon, the crash commencing from the opening event when the low carrier, Perfect Day, (130 lbs.) with Mr. S. W. Tang, in the saddle, romped home first in the St. Kilda Handicap and paid out \$113.50 for a win. The end of a perfect day came when Mr. Young Wing-kwai piloted his own sub-griffin, National Service, in the last race, the Kongmun Stakes, a novice event over a course from the two mile post, to pay \$14.50—the biggest dividend of the day for a win. There were in addition many more "fat" pay outs.

The downfall of Cockle and Rose-Queen in the daily double event gave those 10 backers of the combination of Triumphant Day and Pinfarthings a return of \$672.50 for an outlay of \$5.

The soft going was in certain measure responsible for the many reversals of form, but full mark must be given to Mr. Li Lan-sang's China pony, Heetic View, who with the limit load of 105 lbs. on his back, annexed the Fathman Handicap (first section) in 120.34. This was certainly a creditable performance for a griffin of this season. As the meeting progressed, the grass track was badly cut up and the last race on the card was run in "slow march" time, the last quarter being 35.7 seconds for the home stretch of two furlongs.

MAJOR EVENT

The major event, the St. George's Plate, a handicap for China ponies, bona fide griffins, was captured by Eve of Harvest, the property of Sir Victor Sassoon, who was not present to see the running of his steed. Mr. D. Black rode a great race on the winner. This was Sir Victor's second success, the first being in 1937 by Havoc Eve piloted by Mr. Y. T. Fung. There were ten runners in the second best field since the inception. The winner paid \$23.30 leading the hot favourite, Blue Express, by a head. Jennifer, who was third, was an eye-opener to many followers of the turf.

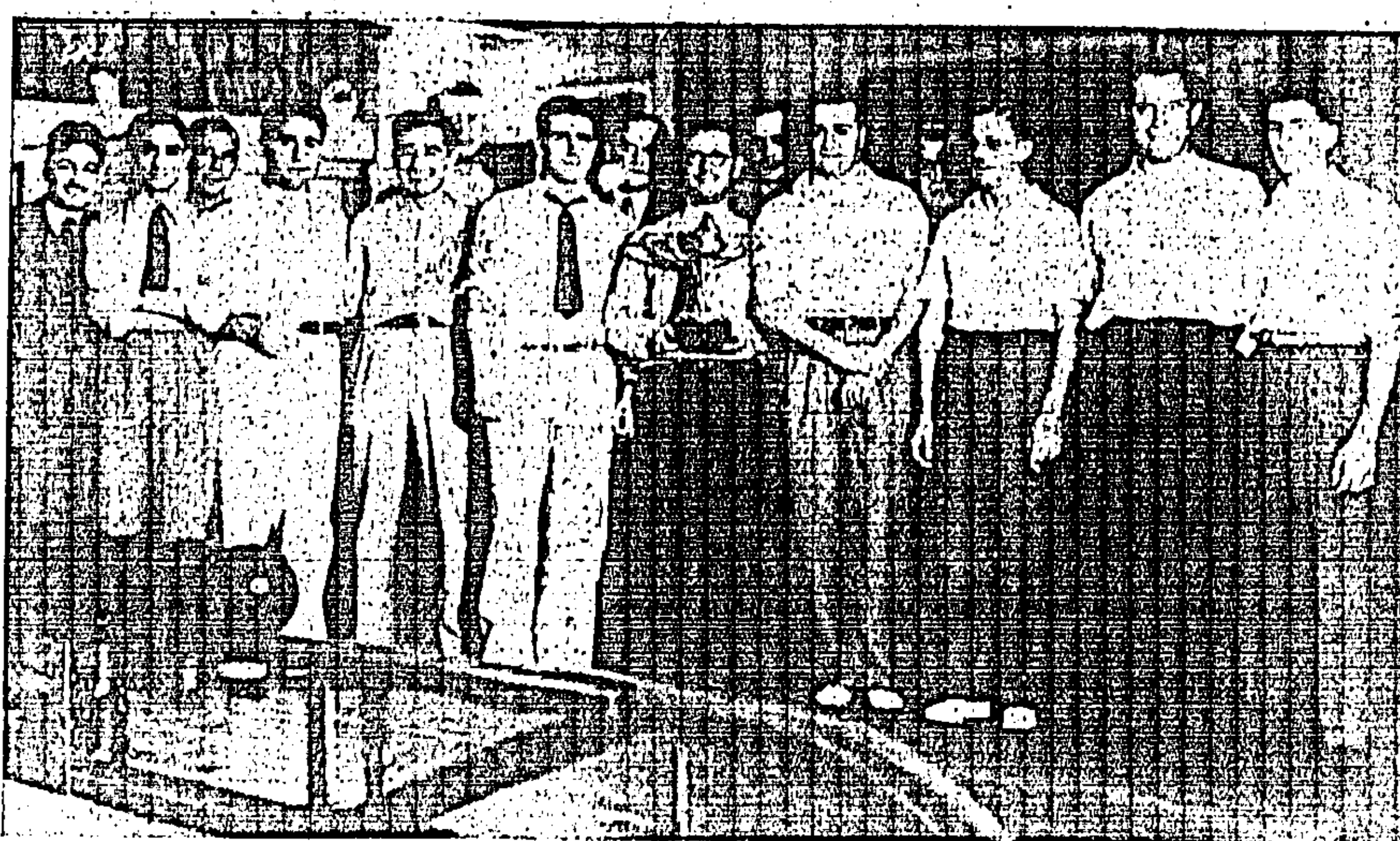
The success of Triumphant Day in the Broken Hill Handicap for Australian ponies of this season was a fine achievement and the pony, belonging to Messrs Chau Bros. and with the assistance of Mr. B. L. Tao, annexed the classic in splendid manner. Considering the state of the going, coupled with the top weight burden of 165 lbs., Triumphant Day scored a great victory.

A Wonderful Come-Back By Perfect Day

After a sequence of 16 unplaced outings since May, 1937, Perfect Day staged a wonderful comeback in the St. Kilda Handicap over six furlongs and there was no fluke in the success either. It may not be known that his last win was in the Walsend Handicap over the mile course on May 29, 1937, on a soft going and therefore a note should be kept that Perfect Day is a good "mudder." The running of Twilight Star, who was second, came as a surprise and if he had crossed the wire first, the pony would have paid handsomely. Breton, who took the lead at the release of the tape, was going well until the bend was reached, but no doubt the heavy weight was responsible for her poor show.

CLOSE WIN FOR MOONLIGHT VIEW

Rob Roy was the only absentee in the Canton Handicap (first section) for China ponies "B" class and it seemed that the connections refused to send the steed out on account of the top weight, furthermore the same was one a distance. It was a good contest. Oak Bay jumped to the front when Mr. Potts opened the gate and he was chased by Expansion Time, Humdrum Eve and Moonlight View were well together, but near the end of the race, Expansion Time, New Star, Humdrum Eve and Moonlight View were well together, but near the end of the race, Expansion Time displaced Expansion Time for second position and the field entered the straight like a cavalry charge on the move. Excitement ran high when Oak Bay, New Star and Expansion



Players and officials photographed at the Hongkong Bowling Alley on Wednesday evening when the final match in the Evo League between the "Compellers" and the "Hongkong Wonders" was played. The handsome cup, which is retained by the "Wonders," can be seen in the centre of the picture in the hands of Mr. "Bill" Ramsey, who was the official announcer.—Staff Photographer.

SPLENDID FINISH TO MAIN RACE OF DAY

The President of the St. George's Society should be quite pleased with the turn-out of ten starters in the St. George's Plate, a handicap classic for China griffins of this season over the champion course. The biggest field since the inception of this race was in 1932 when 11 ponies weighed out and it was undoubtedly gratifying to see a field of ten runners last Saturday. This spoke highly of the confidence placed by the owners in the judicious distribution of the lead and Eve of Harvest who was allotted the limit, annexed the great plate for Sir Victor Sassoon by only a head. As predicted, Mr. Li Lan-sang reserved his griffin, Heetic View, another entry, for a sprinting event and so did Mr. Eu Tong-sen with his Rose Emily. I was given to understand that Mr. Bradbury's Lillib was under a cloud but I have not been able to ascertain why. Conquering Time refused to accept.

However it was strange that Eve of Harvest was made a second favourite, Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Blue Express being the punters' fancy, for Mr. Encarnacao always has a big public following, and Galaxy was third in the gambling list. Nearly all the ponies had a center up to the starting post, but Blue Express and Hyndford Bridge took the long route via the back stretch. There was some delay in the start, but when the barrier went up, Anna Day and Hopeful Time were badly left at the post and naturally they never had a look-in. Sir Victor Sassoon sent out his two nominations, Eve of Heaven (Lt. Cdr. Churchill) making the run for her stable-mate, Eve of Harvest ridden by Mr. Black. At the mile because Eve of Heaven was in the lead followed by Jennifer, Peaceful View and the remainder hanging in the rear. There was no change as the pack passed the Royal Navy Pavilion, but it would be of interest to know that the leader set in a hot pace and the first half mile was covered in 50.3/5 seconds, the first stanza being clocked in 22.2/8 seconds.

I noticed that when the field reached the bottom of the hill, Mr. Encarnacao took Blue Express to the fore, apparently with the object of killing the top weight carrier, Eve of Harvest, by a fast, run. That quarter up the rock was gulped in 31.2/5 seconds and when Blue Express, Jennifer, and Galaxy flashed past the half mile standard, Eve of Harvest was fully over six lengths behind the leader. In fact Mr. Black coming round the corner, Blue Express was still in the front row, and it appeared to me that there was very little hope of Eve of Harvest giving the leaders a run for the money. At the head of the home stretch Mr. Black called upon Eve of Harvest for a final burst of speed and the mare responded gamely.

TERRIFIC BURST
The combination came in the outside a pace that surprised me and there was tremendous excitement in the public enclosure when Eve of Harvest drew level with Avon. In a few more strides, Sir Victor's mare got on even terms with Jennifer and she did not have much difficulty in passing Galaxy. But there was another obstacle which Eve of Harvest found difficult to overcome. Mr. Black refused to throw in the sponge after passing the bend and stand and the Shanghai jockey, realising that he was in the lion's den, started to

Time was hard pressed, by their respective riders as they heaved the distance Oak Bay faded out. Moonlight View and Humdrum Eve (both from the same stable) issued a spirited challenge and they had no difficulty in overhauling New Star and Expansion Time who were labouring in the last hundred yards from the touch line. The end soon came, Moonlight View after a grim battle, securing the verdict by a neck, and a length separated Humdrum Eve and New Star. Expansion Time lost the third position in the frame by a short head. We know now that Red Feather has no use for a soft going.

MR. ENCARNACAO SCORES HIS SOLITARY WIN

Gladiator's failure in the Canton Handicap (second section) over a long run from the two mile post was certainly due to the encumbrance of the poundage and furthermore the old stager never cared for a grass track with a dressing of moisture. As was expected, Potentate with the Shanghai jockey reached home first and that was Mr. Encarnacao's only win during the afternoon.

Rooty-Hill Derby Won By Triumphant Day

The Rooty-Hill Derby winner, Triumphant Day sired by Ribblesdale, proved his staying power again in the Broken Hill Handicap for Australian youngsters of this season over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, (about one mile 171 yards) and he was carrying 155 lbs. being equal to 11 at 11 lb. The pony's performance was the more striking because the race was run in heavy rain and Triumphant Day crossed the wire with a bit in hand. Those who studied the form book considered that the weight was too much for the pony and of course all the money was handed over to Cockle and Rose-Queen who gave a disappointing display. Happy Landings also carried a good parcel of the Hongkong Bank notes and the total of tickets sold on these two chargers amounted to 2,202 representing a turnover of \$11,310.

Apart from the interest taken in the betting the contest itself was a fine event, for it was anybody's race when the pack came round the bend. All the ponies were well bunched together, in fact it appeared to me that a blanket could cover all, but when they opened out for the home run, the joint leaders, Rising Star and Happy Landings began to flag. Devonian took up the running about a furlong from the touch line, but Lady Northcote's candidate had to surrender the lead to Chiltern, hard pushed by Mr. Encarnacao. The latter was followed by Cockle and Rose-Queen coming through the rails, but Triumphant Day took the outside berth. There was, however, a weak spot in Cockle and Rose-Queen's defence when they were passed by Mr. Encarnacao and though I am sure the chestnut representative from the John Peel stable did not like the soft going and he finished among the also rans. Amidst a volley of cheers and shouting Chiltern was soon caught by Triumphant Day, who was eased down by the jockey Mr. L. T. To win by two lengths. The same separated Chiltern and Devonian, Happy Landings was a poor fourth.

Promoted After Good Victory

As a result of his easy win in the Fathman Handicap (first section) for "B" class China saters over six furlongs, Heetic View has been promoted to "B" company and he will

Latest Call-Over For Derby

The following is the latest call-over for the Derby:
Blue Peter, 100/30 (t. and o.)
Admiral's Walk, 15/2 (t. and o.)
Fairstone, 10/1 (o)
Fox Cub, 100/8 (o)
Signal Light, 100/7 (o)
Hypnotist, 100/7 (o)
Foxbrough, 100/6 (o)
Heliopolis, 100/6 (o)
Casanova, 20/1 (o)
Wheatland, 20/1 (o)
Diademe, 20/1 (o)
Dhoti, 25/1 (t. and o.)
Buckley, 25/1 (o), 33/1 (t)
Tamworth, 25/1 (o)

JOCKEYS ASSIGNED
London, Apr. 27.
The following jockeys have been assigned to probable starters for the Derby:
Sibbritt rides Quile Contrary, Stephenson rides Infrared and Pat Beasley rides Curtain Call.
Wavelength has been withdrawn.—Reuter.

Pinfarthings Justifies Confidence

I raise my hat to Pinfarthings who, with the assistance of Lt. Cdr. Churchill, ran an honest race in the Fathman Handicap (second section) over six furlongs, securing a win by six lengths and no doubt his sojourn in Fanning during the winter had done the pony a world of good. It will be recalled that Pinfarthings was a first class climber last season, all things being unplaced, and the change of atmosphere has given Major J. M. Smith a reward of \$800, a first prize for patience and perseverance. Lt. Cdr. Churchill opened his account in this event and he followed up with another success on Bruno owned by Mr. G. Trevelyan in the Hobart Stakes for Australian ponies in a scramble from the 1 1/2 mile post.

TSUI BROTHERS TO MEET IN FINAL OF SINGLES TOURNEY

Yesterday's Tennis, Though Good, Had Little Excitement

(By "Abe")

Though the standard of play never fell below a fairly high level, there was a "deadness" difficult to account for in the semi-final match yesterday in the Colony Tennis singles championship between Tsui Yun-pui and Leo Wai-tong. None of the tenseness which could almost be felt in some of the recent singles matches was evident in this encounter; yet from the purist's point of view, the tennis here compared very well with that seen at any stage of the current tournament.

The lack of excitement might have been due to several factors, (1) that the contestants were club-mates and the sense of rivalry consequently was not so keen; (2) that Tsui was strongly fancied to win; (3) the knowledge that the soccer star, whether he won or lost, would be leaving for Manila with the Hongkong Inter-port football team last evening; and (4) the fact that the match proceeded much according to expectations.

The only time that the encounter produced any excitement at all was in the long third set when Leo put up a great fight to delay the finish; but in the first two sets, Tsui was playing, too well, and his style too beautifully controlled to give his opponent much of a look-in. The final scores were 6-4, 6-2, 12-10.

It was fairly obvious that Leo's superior physical condition was the cause of the closeness of the struggle in that last set. Despite the great amount of running that he had had to do, he was by far the fresher of the two in the end, and if he had won the third set he might conceivably have been a danger. As it was, his great fight gave his opponent many anxious moments. Tsui had one set point against him, but he negotiated it well and thereafter was never again so close to losing the set.

IMPRESSIVE BACKHAND
Earlier on, Tsui's forceful ground strokes gave him many opportunities to advance to the net, and once he was entrenched there he almost invariably won the point, his volleys more often than not catching Leo on the wrong foot. Particularly impressive was Tsui's backhand, with which he hit the ball very early in the bounce, while his all-round steadiness, punctuated by occasional brilliance, was sufficient to guarantee his annexation of the two opening sets.

Leo did not have much luck with some delicate shots which only failed by a fraction of an inch to go over the net. His backhand was his greatest asset, but his forehand was far too unreliable and presented a wing on which Tsui often concentrated his attack with good results. It was in the third set that the struggle became close. While Tsui always appeared to be the superior player in the early stages of the match, his ascendancy was not so marked. He allowed Leo to take a lead of 4-1 and then 6-3, but he succeeded in squaring the scores at 5-5, after which one and then the other took the lead until Tsui went out in the 22nd game.

DIFFERENT REACTIONS
The two players presented different reaction to the scores. Tsui seemed

ed hurried and over-anxious when he was in the lead and needed only one game to clinch the match, whereas Leo, who fought hard to prevent Tsui from getting this one game, slackened as soon as he had levelled the scores. But in the course of the long struggle many fine rallies were seen, and more than compensated those who stayed to the end.

Tsui's victory yesterday means that the final will be fought out by the Tsui brothers. This naturally detracts from the interest, usually evinced in the final, but that the two brothers deserve to reach this stage of the competition none will deny.

EASTERN FOOTBALL TEAM BACK

After a successful tour of Hainan and Saigon, the Eastern Football team returned to Hongkong yesterday by the Heilikon. The Eastern team played nine matches in all during their tour, winning seven, losing one and drawing one. Their only defeat was by a French Selection XI at Haiphong; they lost by nine goals to one. Leo Tack-kee, the centre-forward, was the most prolific scorer of the tour with nine goals to his credit. Eastern will meet the Navy tomorrow to decide the runners-up position in the First Division of the Hongkong Football League.

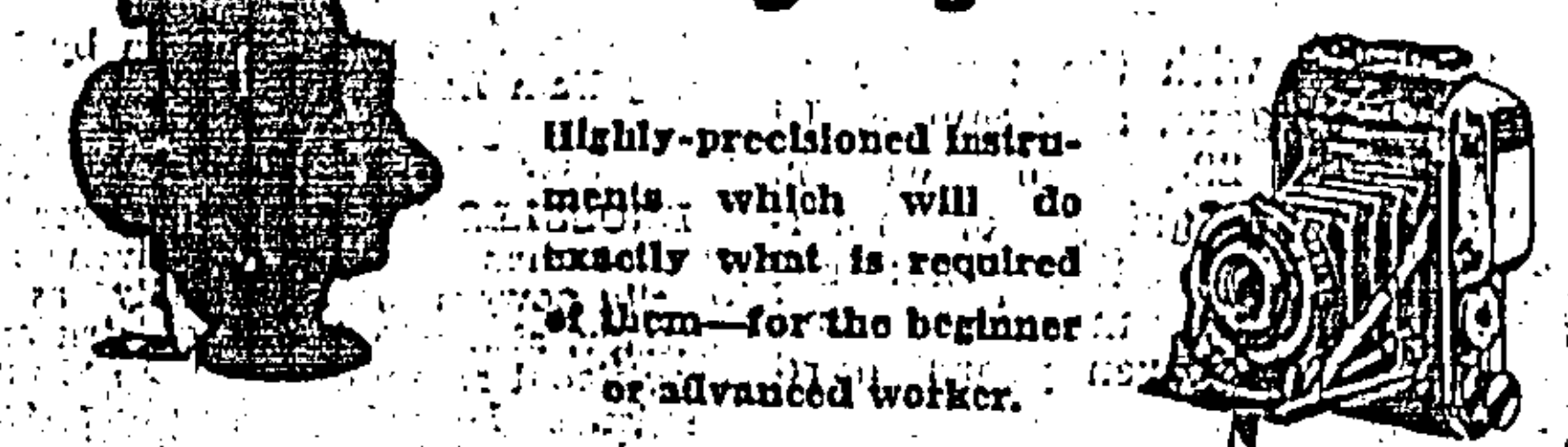
CIVILIANS WIN HOCKEY ENCOUNTER

The civilians beat the European Y.M.C.A. in a practice hockey match at King's Park yesterday by five goals to one. The winners were superior to their opponents and piled on four goals without reply before the interval.

The game commenced with the Civilians attacking strongly, and the Y.M.C.A. defence could do little against the thrust of the former's forward line. G. Singh and J. Wall, who each scored two goals, were brilliant. The other point was scored by G. Fowler. The Y.M.C.A. lacked shooting power in front of goal, and their solitary point was scored by Dawson.

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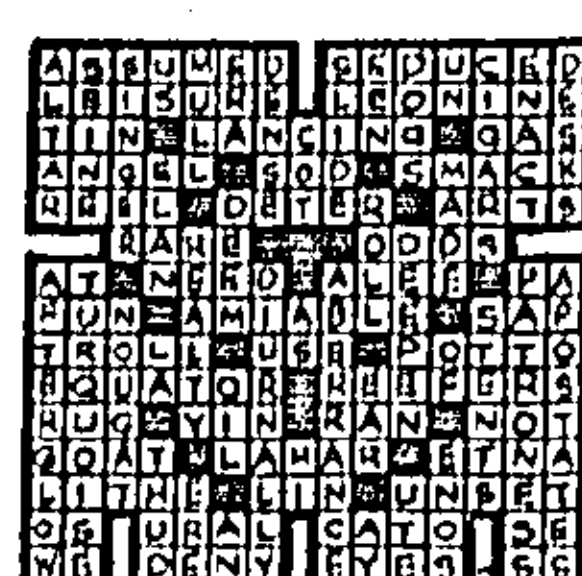
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Crossword Puzzle

By LAIS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Dance of aluminum
- 2—Measured movement, as in poetry
- 3—Marceline Inducing sleep
- 4—Pretentious
- 5—Dilemma used by soldiers
- 6—Well-deserved reward
- 7—This object
- 8—Fitting initiation
- 9—Cooked with steam
- 10—Name of a bird
- 11—Type of amphibian
- 12—Leave unperformed
- 13—Social insect
- 14—Male human beings
- 15—Dried plum
- 16—Chinese
- 17—Miss Del Rio
- 18—Kind of cloth used for Arabians garments
- 19—Horse doctor (col.)
- 20—Considered thoughtless
- 21—Pertaining to business
- 22—Constellation, the lion
- 23—Fertile land
- 24—Crowning out
- 25—Error in poetry
- 26—Threatened
- 27—Fruit eaten by main force
- 28—Pedal digit
- 29—Authoritative suggestion
- 30—Common tool
- 31—Its (French)
- 32—Measuring instrument



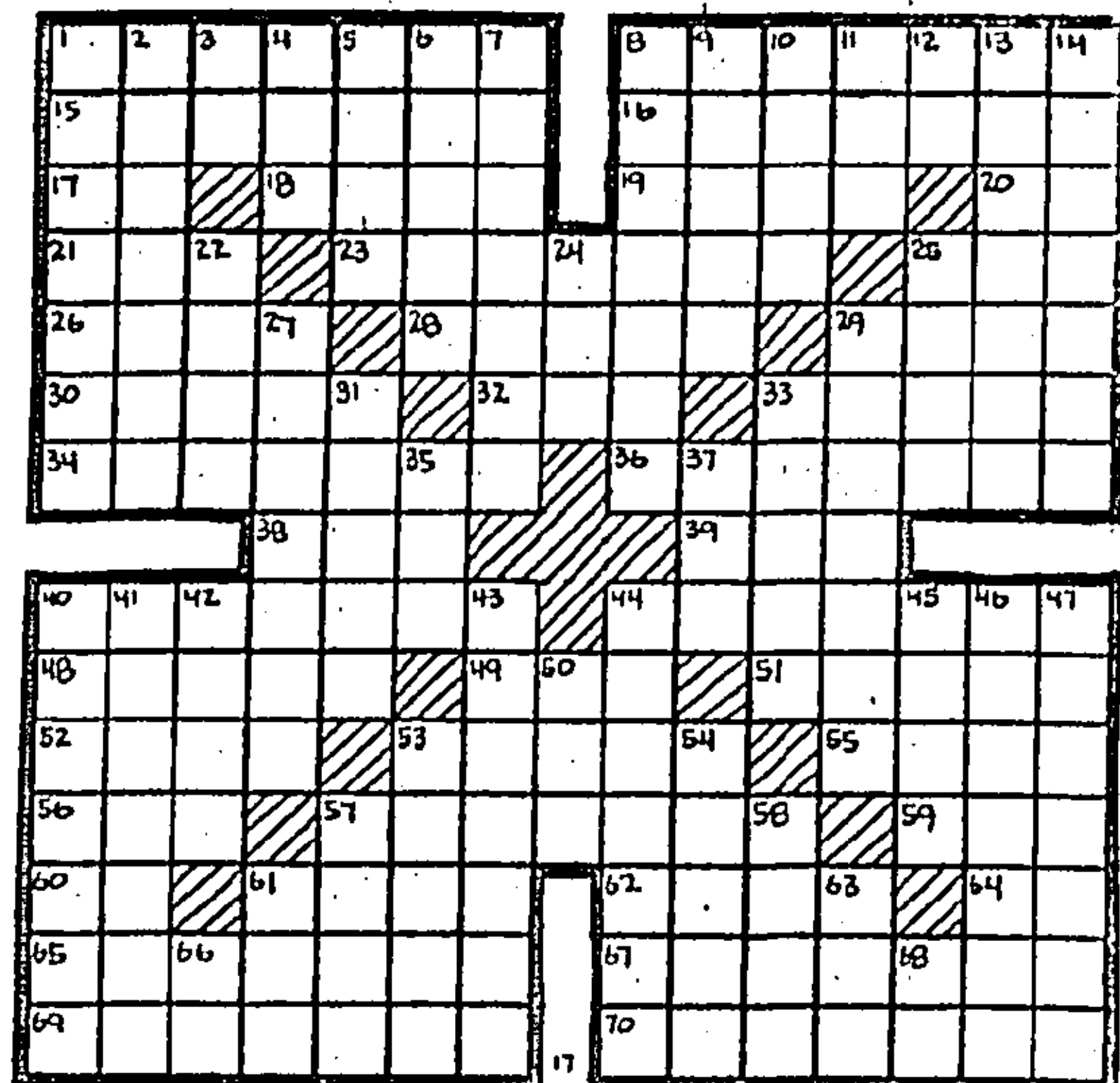
- 33—Refuge of squeezed fruit
- 34—Close by
- 35—Wander aimlessly
- 36—Curve in therapy
- 37—Wide lower part of river
- 38—Girl who foretells events

DOWN

- 1—Punish with flogging
- 2—Major semitone
- 3—As below (Latin abbr.)
- 4—Memorial post of North American Indians

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

- 5—Plural suffix: of the nature of
- 6—Ninth plus one more
- 7—Holds high position of
- 8—Order
- 9—Orizantal magistrate
- 10—Became inanimate
- 11—Number rhymer
- 12—Style of cooking (French)
- 13—Propaganda left after death
- 14—Large sweet potatoes
- 15—Habitual inmate
- 16—Sliver in Asia
- 17—Period of ten years each
- 18—Indicated, as manner of speech
- 19—Pipes
- 20—First sea, canal at West Point
- 21—Organ of hearing
- 22—That which amuses
- 23—Baltimore baseball team
- 24—Baseball team
- 25—Witchcraft
- 26—Blow hair
- 27—Irregularities in muscular action
- 28—Hutlers who reign in name of king
- 29—Resident of city
- 30—Cool
- 31—Willis feline
- 32—Musical exercise
- 33—Hence school of art
- 34—22-mile American canal
- 35—South-African
- 36—Vehicle
- 37—Heat
- 38—Live



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Stable Boy Held Up While Exercising Pony

Proceedings against Lok Sui-wan, 30, and Lok Kwai-ming, 18, cloth-makers, for robbery with violence, were begun before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at Central Magistracy, yesterday. Sub-inspector W. N. Darkin, assisted by Sgt. T. Cashman was present for the prosecution.

Defendants were charged with robbing Wu To, Jockey Club mafuo, on a pathway between the Jockey Club and Taihang, of \$130, a silver pocket watch and a leather wallet, on April 1.

Wu, in evidence, said he left the stables with a pony about 5.30 a.m. for Wongneichong Gap, and then going past a path near Bluepool Road met two men. One asked him the way to Deepwater Bay but he was struck on the eye before he had time to answer. He was then seized by the neck and thrown to the ground, while the second man took the wallet which was attached to his belt, and his watch.

Dr. E. R. J. Naidu, of the Queen Mary Hospital, testified to having examined Wu, and finding a small laceration over the left eyebrow, and bruises over the left chest and knee. He agreed that the injuries were consistent with Wu's story of the attack.

To Chi-keung, unemployed, told the Court that he met defendants on the night of March 31, and went with them from Kowloon to visit a man named Lo Kee, in Kwai Fong Street, Wongneichong. They left the house about 10 p.m. but returned between 5 and 6 a.m. when they separated.

The two defendants went up to the hill at the rear of Wongneichong, and shortly after, while in Kwai Fong Street, he heard cries of "Save Life" from up the hill. Soon after, he saw both defendants run down the hillside and disappear in the direction of the racecourse.

To said he next saw them in Kowloon City, where he was given \$1 by second defendant for tea. He was shown a pocket watch but was told that they did not get any money.

First defendant denied that he was with To and second defendant said the watch was given to him by To. Suggestions that he was a bad character, and that he had robbed.

HERE are two of the dresses from the complete wardrobe of Hall-English clothes which Lady Maureen Stanley, wife of the President of the Board of Trade, has taken on her Balkan tour. She has with her a great variety of clothes, as she changes frocks at least three times a day. But they are all the same type; quiet, fairly conventional—nothing extravagant about them. Like most Englishwomen, Lady Maureen seems to have a great fancy for draped dresses—these two, for instance.

1 Evening frock in white jersey (which drapes better than any other stuff). It is cut low with half-inch-wide white shoulder straps. The bodice is draped from side to side, caught up at three points in the centre with diamond clips. The waist is tight-fitting, held in by a belt which ties across the back only. The front of the skirt is plain, but a panel of pleats is let in on the hips each side. Note the way these pleats are put in: not straight but on the slant, by means of triangular pieces of material let into the waist each side. Back of the skirt is pleated all round to flow out when she walks.

2 An afternoon frock in black tulip (that dull mauve colour) satin. The cross-over bodice drapes high round the neck and continues on in one piece into a sash which circles the waist and ties in a loose bow on the left hip. Long sleeves are set well into the shoulder, slightly darted. The fairly straight skirt has a fold running down the left side and is slit a couple of inches at the hem.

Lady Maureen had this same dress also made in black woollen material, and wears it with a straight tailored jacket of pale blue wool.

AUTOS RACED ON ICE

WINSTED, Conn.

Automobile racers have found a new sport to thrill them during the winter months—racing on frozen Highland Lake. They enter the contests in old jalopies which skid and swerve around a 30-mile course with amazing good fortune.

A man of a purse in Prince Edward Road was denied by witness.

The hearing was adjourned until May 3.

Eggs On The Menu

HERE are a few recipes for supper or lunch dishes:—

Egg Timbale

Hard boil three eggs and cook 1½ lb. potatoes. Mash the potatoes, and add them to 1 oz. butter melted in a saucepan. Beat till smooth, then turn out on a floured board, and form into a long roll.

Turn this into a ring on a flat fire-proof dish, brush over with beaten egg, and bake in a moderate oven till brown.

Tomato Eggs

Choose four firm large tomatoes. Cut a slice off the stalk end, and scoop out inside. Mix 1 tablespoonful chopped parsley and 1 teaspoonful chopped onion together. Sprinkle a little of this inside each tomato. Then break an egg into centre of each. Cover the surface with bread crumbs, and place on a pat of margarine.

Bake in a greased dish for 10-15 minutes. Serve at once.

Eggs with Shrimps

Allow 1 egg for each person, and boil them hard. Pour cold water over them and remove the shells. Cut each egg across, so that you have 2 little cases.

Take out the yolks, and crush them in a bowl, with a few shrimps, previously shelled. Stir in enough mayonnaise sauce to moisten the mixture. Fill the whites with the preparation, and spread on a bed of lettuce leaves or garnish with parsley.



'Tell me, doctor...'

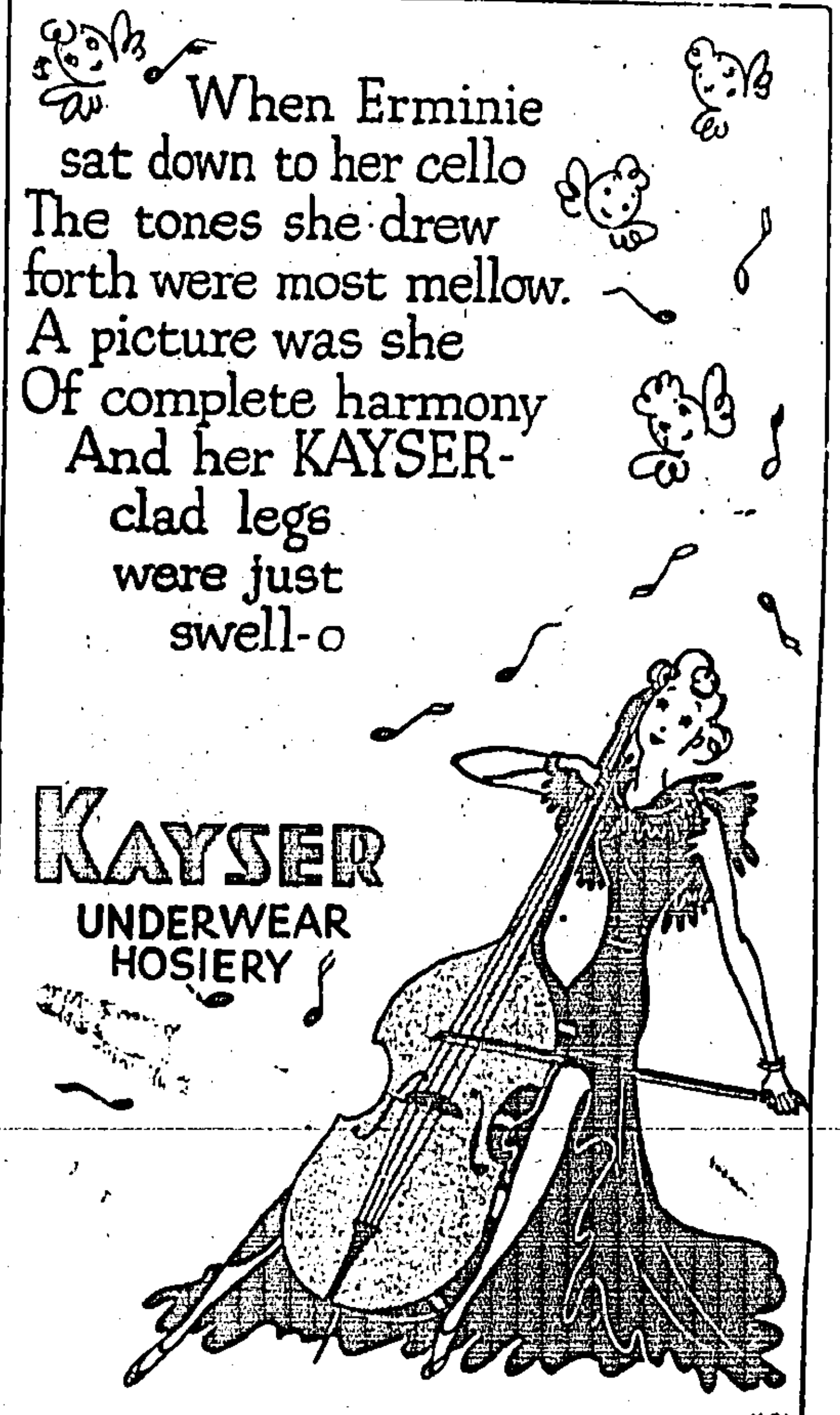
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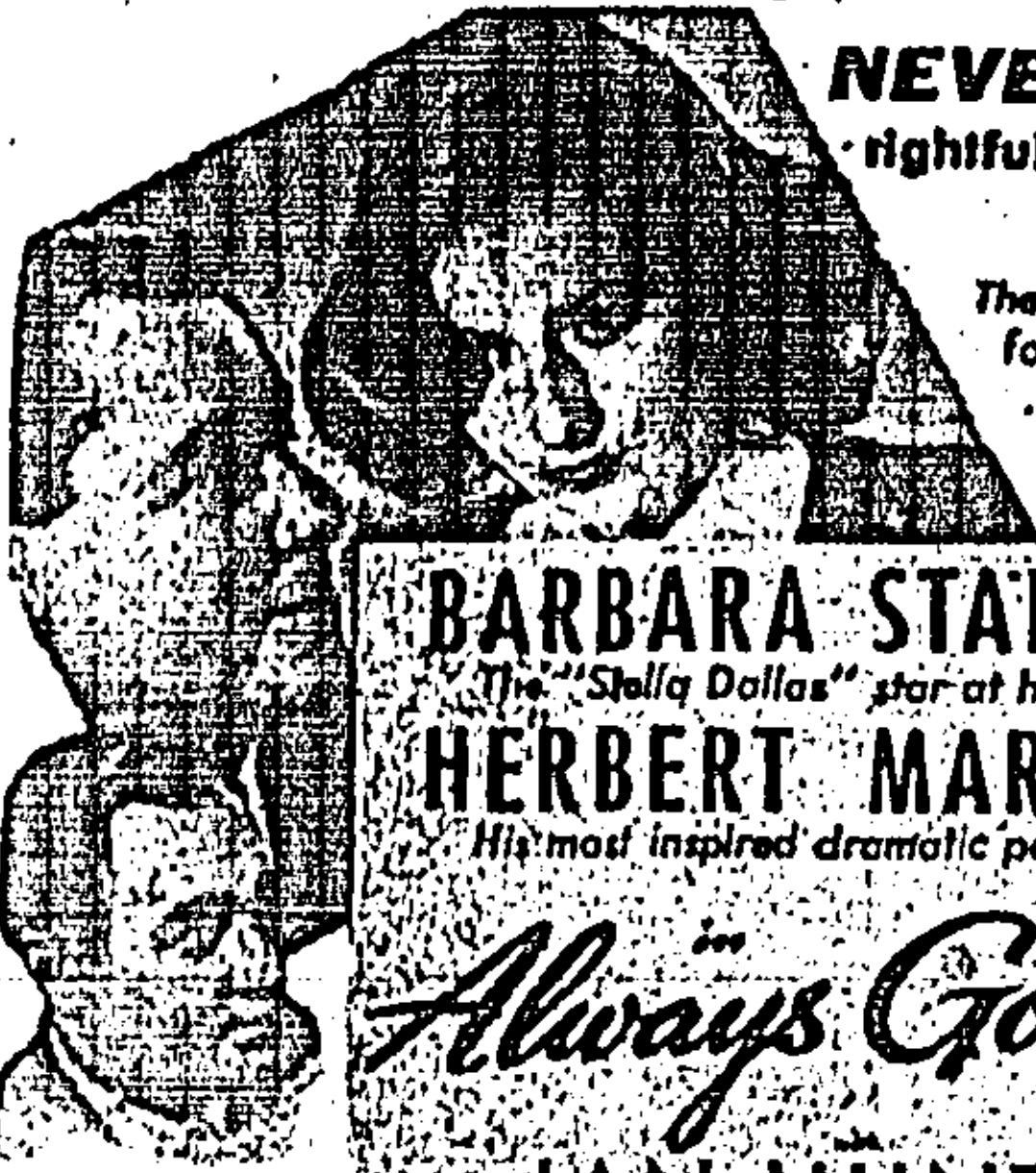
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STEAMBOAT CO. ANNUAL MEETING

Inform you that the wharves were not seriously damaged.

As regards the Hongkong wharves, it may be recalled that Government has made a definite pronouncement to the effect that existing leases would not be renewed, the expiry date of all leases for wharves and piers being December 31, 1940. In view of that decision the Directors have decided to write off, as you will have seen in the accounts, a part of the book value of the two Hongkong wharves. They have, in addition, considered it advisable to set aside a small reserve for repairs.

Of the amount of \$126,123.07 which is charged to repairs, steamers' overhauls absorbed the better part of that sum. Both the "Talisman" and the "Kinsman" had to be surveyed for new Load Line certificates. The "Sui Tai" was not docked for her annual overhaul.

New Vessel Acquired

In view of the high cost of building a new ship, the Company, after protracted negotiations, acquired the motor vessel "Lee Hong" early in October at a price which the Board thought to be very reasonable. The Directors felt that the "Lee Hong" with her speed and the reconditioning which they had carefully planned, would prove to be a valuable asset to the Company's service. Another factor which received the Board's consideration was the fact that the purchase would eliminate once and for all a potential source of competition. The activities of the vessel in previous years had been a source of concern to the Board.

In December last year the "Sui Tai" was laid up. With the surplus of tonnage in the Macao Line at the time and the fact that, for a steamer of her age a general overhaul for a new Load Line certificate was likely to prove to be an expensive item not entirely justified by the circumstances, the Directors decided on the lay up.

In connection with the "Sui Tai," I feel sure you will be glad to know that, consistent with the traditional equitable treatment which every servant expects and gets at the hands of the Company, the entire crew of that steamer is still in the Company's pay-roll and on full pay. The Directors were mindful of the loyal and efficient service which most of the officers and crew had rendered to the Company for a number of years, and as there was a possibility of the crew being needed for the "Lee Hong," they were all permitted to remain in service.

As you will no doubt have seen from the accounts, most of Company's surplus funds have been invested, the Directors giving preference to a Fixed Deposit account with the Bank and to Hongkong Government Bonds.

Japan-France Concluding Trade Pact

Tokyo, Apr. 27.
Following the reaching of a preliminary understanding on March 19, the trade negotiations between Japan and France are making satisfactory progress and a new trade agreement will shortly be concluded between the two countries, in French quarters understand.

As a result of the negotiations conducted between Mr. Matsushima, Director of the Commercial Bureau of the Foreign Office, and M. Tschacher, Commercial attaché of the French Embassy, an agreement of technical affairs, it is revealed.

The only points yet to be straightened out are the abolition of the issuance of certificates of origin on Japanese imports and the alleviation of Japanese restrictions on French imports.

The projected trade agreement will provide, inter alia for the following points:

Japan during 1939 will import yen 50,000,000 worth of iron ores and special steel from France and her colonies;

Japan during the same year will export yen 70,000,000 worth of goods to France and her colonies, the amount marking the average of Japanese exports during the past two years;

France will consider possible lifting of exchange compensation duties on Japanese goods and will not increase duties on Japanese goods.

Domei.

Manager's Death

It is with sincere regret that I record here to-day the death in June last year of the late Mr. Hung Tze-ye, the manager of Company's Chinese department. Mr. Hung had been in the Company for more than eight years, and during that time had never spared himself. He consistently served the Company with an ability rendered possible by his expert knowledge of the Chinese river trade conditions, and with a loyalty which was one of his chief characteristics. After his death the Board, in view of the valuable service which he had rendered, decided to grant a special ex-gratia payment to his family in lieu of any pension or other benefit.

As you will have seen from the Directors' Report, an invitation to join the Board was in October last year extended to Mr. D. F. Landale. I need hardly say that the Board was much gratified at Mr. Landale's acceptance of the invitation, and I feel that the shareholders will show their pleasure and gratification by their ready confirmation of his appointment as a director.

Note Of Warning

Before concluding, I feel that I should again convey to you a note of warning concerning prospects in the immediate future. We have benefited from the abnormal conditions which prevailed most of last year. For that we must be thankful. But he must be a bold person who, without an utter disregard of the portent of the dark clouds gathering ahead of him, would dismiss with a degree of complacency or with optimism. The best that I can say of the Company's affairs is that for the first quarter of the current year we have survived such competition as it has not been a matter of trading to produce an adequate return on capital invested, but to struggle to survive from going under. Until it is generally recognized and appreciated that adventuring in the river trade can prove to be costly, I fear that we must continue to expect the worse.

The report and accounts were seconded by Mr. W. E. Kirby, and were unanimously adopted.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. Li Tse-long were re-elected to the Board of Directors, and the appointment of Mr. D. F. Landale to the Board was confirmed.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis, and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham, and Matthews were re-elected auditors.

BRITISH NOTE TO SOVIET

Concrete Proposal For Alliance

LONDON, Apr. 27.

ALTHOUGH the Foreign Office will neither deny nor confirm the statement published in the "Daily Telegraph" to-day to the effect that the British Ambassador to Moscow, Sir William Seeds, presented a Note to the Soviet Government on Wednesday, it is learned from well-informed quarters that the statement is correct, and that the note was drawn up at Tuesday's meeting of the foreign affairs committee of the Cabinet.

The note is said to contain a concrete proposal which is expected here to meet with the approval of the Soviet Government, and thus form the basis for an agreement.

It is believed that the Soviet Government would be prepared to make a unilateral declaration that she will go to the assistance of her European neighbours and of Turkey in the event of unprovoked aggression against any of them to any extent which those countries might consider necessary.

England and France, it is declared, would be ready to give an undertaking to assist the Soviet Union in the case of a threat to her western frontiers.—Trans-Ocean.

BLOW KNOCKS OUT TEETH

Lodi, Cal.
Jamel Abraham, 12, is fully convinced of the mystical influence of numbers. While playing on the Woods School baseball nine, he got hit with a bat and lost nine teeth.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 27.—President Roosevelt has appointed Brigadier-General George Marshall as Chief of Staffs in succession to General Malin Craig, whose retirement becomes effective on August 31. —Reuter.

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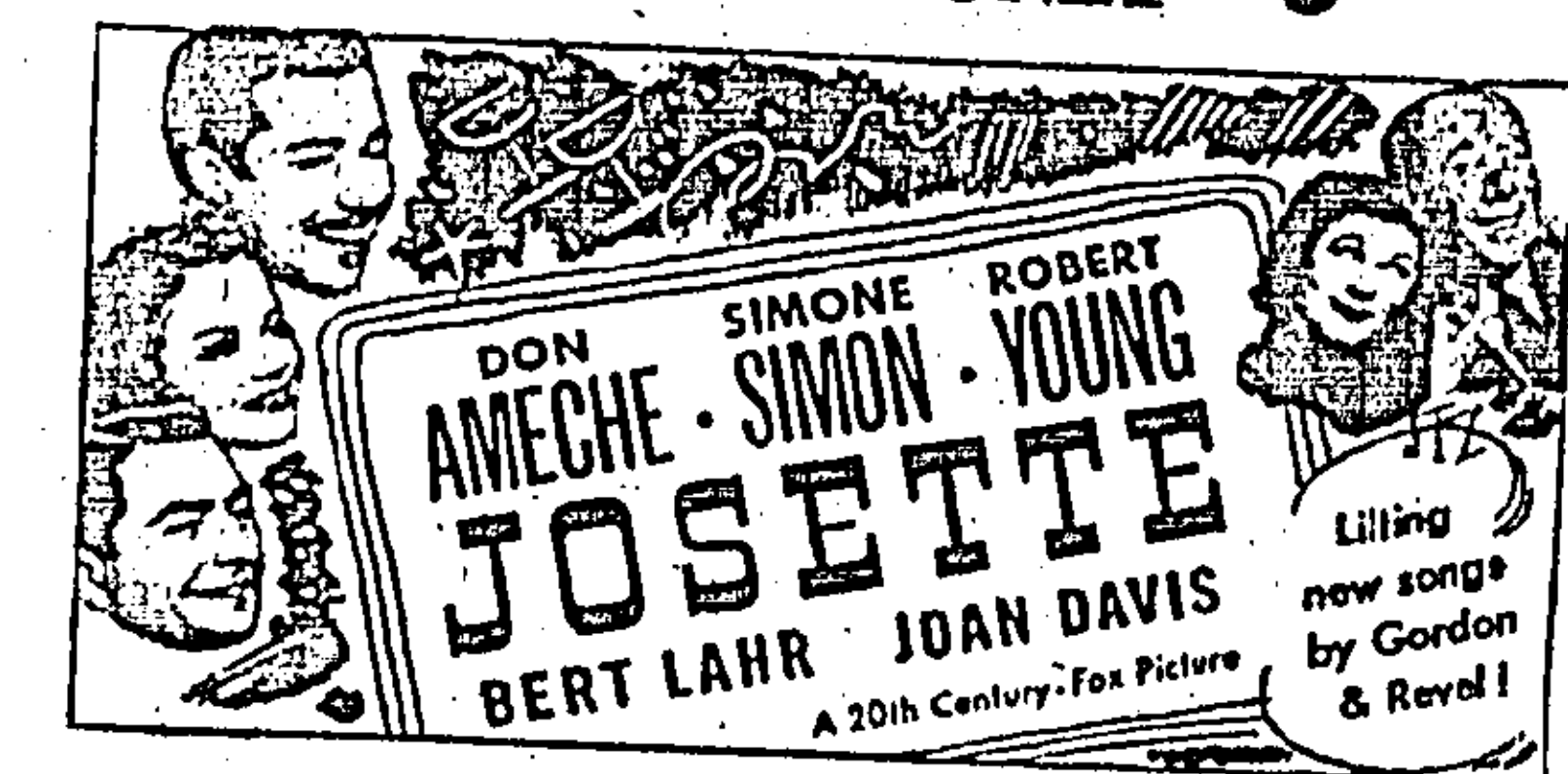
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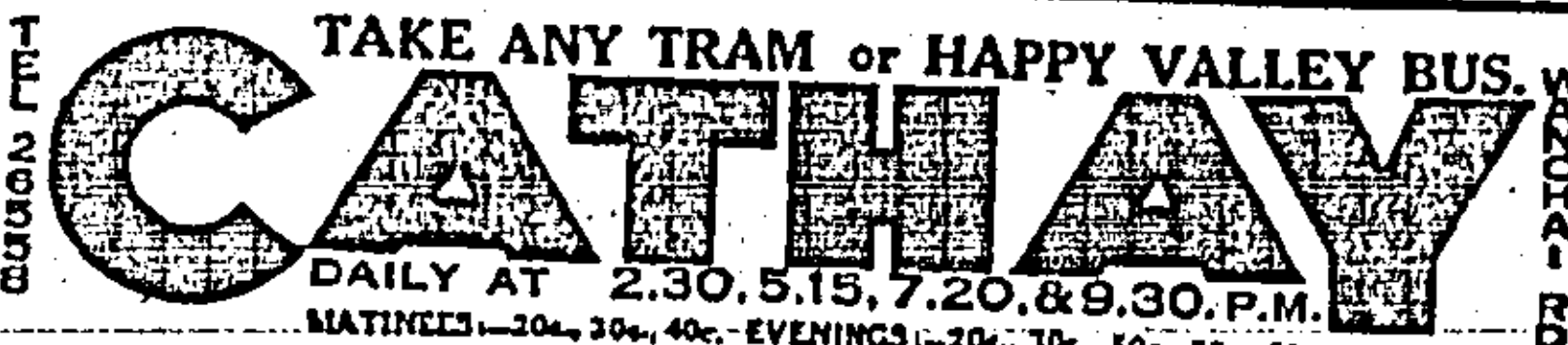
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